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Autumn Leaf
Outsider:—Penforce.

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The Tigress
Speed Bird
Shun Fung
Outsider:—Honey Dew.

RACE 4
Sidber
Happy Farmers
Zephyr
Outsider:—Glacial Lake.

RACE 5
Rowanglen
Oakland Bridge
Lucky Strike
Outsider:—Robin Hood.

RACE 6
Fiesta
United Victory
Ingrid
Outsider:—Treasurer.

RACE 7
Cooper
Daisy Bell
Pay Day
Outsider:—Chesterfield.

RACE 8
Shun Lee
Mastery
Autumn Leaf
Outsider:—Top Hat.

RACE 9
Mercury
Fat Choy
Sharpshooter
Outsider:—Speed Wheel.

RACE 10
Nervous Witness
Ringmer
The Hopeful
Outsider:—Sunkiss.

Stiffening Resistance

60-MILE LINE ON THE MOVE

Tokyo, Nov. 12.

The United Nations forces were still advancing slowly against sharply stiffening Communist resistance in North-West Korea today in what observers believed had become a race with the winter.

American planes, thrown in to support ground troops pushing on in snow and rain, flew 400 sorties and dropped 1,200 tons of supplies and equipment to the advanced Allied units.

One hundred American carrier-based warplanes blasted the Northern supply bridges across the Yalu River, the frontier between Korea and Manchuria.

South Koreans, using anti-aircraft guns as artillery, had battled all night to hold their positions north of the Chongchon River against three successive counter-attacks of battalion strength.

Elements of the British Commonwealth Brigade and the American 24th Division, after advancing four miles from their Chongchon River bridgehead on Saturday, had reported no activity during the night however.

Units of the American 1st Cavalry Division fought a steady artillery duel with enemy positions in the darkness.

The whole 60-mile line east of Pakchon moved forward slowly, maintaining a solid line in a new offensive which General MacArthur's spokesman described as of "limited objective."

But some Tokyo observers believed that the British, Americans and South Koreans had discovered that they were facing a formidable force capable of mauling any but the most cautious advance.

Otherwise, with semi-Arctic weather just round the corner, a quick full-scale offensive was the only obvious alternative to staying there for the winter.

The two opposing forces, backed in the last vital corner of North-West Korea, were estimated to be about equal in manpower, though the United Nations have much superior equipment.

Five Allied divisions, with the British Commonwealth Brigade, were believed to be facing nine smaller Communist divisions—six Chinese and three North Korean.

The North Koreans, with up to 50 Chinese divisions behind them in Manchuria, are the least worried by casualties.

The United Nations forces face a long, bitter winter campaign along the rugged hill country of North Korea, according to an American intelligence officer on the Chongchon River front.

There could be no quick military decision, he said.

WISHFUL THINKING

The officer described talk of a Chinese withdrawal across the Manchurian border as "wishful thinking."

"Certainly there has been no sign of a general withdrawal so far as this neck of the woods is concerned," he said. "The Communist forces opposing us have been fighting well and ployed."

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In North-East Korea, the Korean Capitol Divison crossed a small river south of Chuchonhujang, about 30 miles south of Changjin, today against stiff resistance.

American Marines, strung out north of Hungnam, on the east coast, also hit strong opposition after advancing through Kotori, about 40 miles further north on their way to the Chosin Reservoir.

Reports of a linkup across the neck of Korea between patrols of the 10th Corps in the west and the Eighth Army in the east had not, so far, been confirmed.

In the rear, the South Korean 17th Regiment was reported to be surrounded by a Communist force at Pyonggang, 30 miles south of Wonsan, the east coast port.

Two other Communist regiments, believed to be bypassed North Koreans, were active in the Chorwon area, south-west of Pyongyang, the former Northern capital.

AIR OPERATIONS

More United States light bombers took off from Japanese bases for the North Korean battle lines today at the end of one of the most active week's air operations in the campaign.

Twelve Communist jet fighters were destroyed and at least seven were damaged in the week's air battles, it was announced today.

Australian and Korean pilots contributed to yesterday's heavy air attacks, which were designed to slow down the enemy along the Allied front," it was stated.

An American intelligence officer said today that prisoners taken during the past few days stated they had been told that the Communist objective was to roll back the United Nations forces to the 38th Parallel, then rush them off the peninsula.

Elements of three Chinese Communist armies have been identified in Korea. Prisoners have been picked up from six Chinese divisions in the North-West sector and two other divisions have been identified on the east coast.

The biggest problem for the Communists at the moment appears to be food, the American intelligence officer added.

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Under Water Camera

A photographer-diver swimming with the aid of flippers and fitted with oxygen supply mask shows the left side of the US Navy's newest under-water 35 millimetre motion picture camera, the Eclair-Aquaflex. Although it weighs 107 pounds the camera has the buoyancy of a submarine. It is fitted with a vertical fin and wings enabling the driver who has his own air supply to swim with the camera under water.—London Express Service.

7 Cave Explorers Trapped

Difficult Rescue Operations

Villars-Les-Blamont, Eastern France, Nov. 12.

Rescue teams were tonight blasting their way into dank, echoing caverns near here in the hope of bringing out alive the last one of seven cave explorers trapped more than 1,500 feet below the ground yesterday.

Four bodies have been recovered, two other explorers brought out alive and tonight only Dr Andre Mercy remained below ground.

A group of more than a dozen were exploring caves, streams and waterfalls in the underground world here last night when they were caught off guard by rising waters. Some managed to scramble to safety and climb to the surface, where they gave the alarm at midnight.

Two hundred Paris firemen, local speleologists (cave experts), engineers, divers, first-aid men and police were tonight working in relays with dynamite and pneumatic drills to reach Dr Mercy.

Lowered on ropes, they waded through underground streams and empty caverns in their search. Rescue workers had toiled all night by the light of flares and lanterns to find the two other men, who were brought to safety at dawn.

Exhausted and half-suffocated, they were tonight still being given artificial respiration and were not yet out of danger.—Reuter.

Floods Imperil 1,000 People

Lyons, Nov. 12.

The police are planning to evacuate about 1,000 people from flood threatened areas in the suburbs of Lyons tonight.

After almost continuous rainfall during the last 24 hours the River Rhone was rising about four inches hourly tonight.

The city authorities feared that it would reach the danger level, about 14 ft. 10 ins., early tomorrow morning.

Floods cut the Lyons-Geneva road east of the city.

The River Ain, east of Lyons, overflowed its banks and at some points roads were over a yard under water.

Villagers east of Lyons evacuated by rowing boats from their flooded houses.—Reuter.

SIX CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Garnett, Pennsylvania, Nov. 12.

Six sleeping children were killed in a fire which swept through a wooden house in this little mining community early today.

The victims—ranging in age from two to 15 years—had no chance to escape. Their parents were away from the house at the time.

The children were sleeping in two upstairs bedrooms. They [illegible] in the [illegible]

Nepali Insurgents Press Onwards

New Delhi, Nov. 12.

Nepali Congress insurgent forces, flushed with their victory at Birganj—seat of their Parallel Government proclaimed yesterday—have already reached Semra, 12 miles north of Birganj.

According to latest reports they were also, with a stream of volunteers from different parts of the State, fanning out from Birganj in a move to dig in north and north-east of this town to meet 2,000-strong Nepal Government troops rushing down from Khatmandu to counter the insurrection.

Meanwhile, Nepali Congress sources today stated that their assault forces were now operating at four other points in addition to the nine points mentioned yesterday. The new points, stretching along the eastern part of Nepal, are Biratnagar, four miles north of Jogbani, Dharan, 24 miles north of Biratnagar, Dhankuta Gaura, further north of Dharan, and Gaurigani, in Nepal's easternmost district of Jhapar.

The Nepalese Embassy in New Delhi, however, had confirmed only fighting at two points, namely Birganj and Biratnagar.

In a communique the Nepalese Embassy today confirmed that the Nepal Government had sent troops from Khatmandu to counter-attack the Congress forces advancing north of Birganj.

According to the latest reports Government troops were reported to be at Bhursing, 50 miles north of Birganj.

Informed insurgent sources here predicted that a major battle would be fought in the next day or two, possibly in the 10-mile stretch of the Semra jungles, 12 miles north of Birganj, between Congress forces and Rana regiments.

Advancing columns of Congress forces have already lost one leader, Thribum Malla, who succumbed today from bullet wounds received yesterday on the Birganj battlefield.—Reuter.

CAIRO SACKS ARMY C-IN-C

Cairo, Nov. 12.

The Egyptian Cabinet today dismissed the Army's Commander-in-Chief, General Osman El Mahdi Pasha, it was officially announced today.

Earlier today a Royal decree announced acceptance of the General's resignation, tendered two days ago.

Observers see the dismissal as a major step in the Prosecutor-General's investigation of alleged fraud in buying defective arms during the 1948 Palestine campaign.

General Osman Pasha was Chief of Staff in 1948, and, according to local Press reports the Prosecutor-General has demanded removal of those responsible for Army administration at the time of purchase.

The pro-Government newspaper "Al Misri" said: "There are other high officers to be retired and others transferred from their present posts."—Associated Press.

QUEEN MARY BETTER

London, Nov. 12.

Queen Mary, the 83-year-old Queen Mother, still has a slight cold, but is better, it was stated at her London home today.

Her cold today kept her from a Remembrance Day ceremony for the first time since it was instituted after the first World War.—Reuter.

Four Men Drowned After Car Crash

Paris, Nov. 12.

Three brothers and another man were hurled into the fast-moving Isere River, in the French Alps, and drowned last night when their car crashed on a bridge near Albertville, in the Savoy Department.

The driver, who had stopped [illegible]

Bombing Of Chinese Bases

Britain's Attitude

London, Nov. 12.

Diplomatic quarters here said today that they considered as "highly premature" reports that Britain would associate herself with a move to bomb Chinese bases across the Manchurian frontier in the event of continued Chinese intervention in Korea.

They believed that the British Government was anxious to limit the hostilities to Korea itself and would only support an extension of the conflict by tolerating air action against China if all other methods of handling the problem failed.

Usually well-informed quarters said that they believed the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, was acutely conscious of the dangers to the whole world situation which might result from direct action against China.

DANGEROUS GAME

Diplomatic quarters considered that the Chinese Government would be playing a dangerous game in refusing to handle the Korean question by political methods.

(In a cable to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr Trygve Lie, last night, the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, refused to send a delegation to discuss intervention in Korea unless it was combined with the question of American action in Formosa).

Observers here said that one of the main purposes of inviting a Chinese delegation to discuss in its Security Council the charges of Chinese intervention was to find a political solution to this most delicate problem.

If the Chinese Government refused to co-operate in seeking a political settlement, then the choice before the United Nations would be a very difficult one.

Observers here said that, provided the Chinese intervention was not pressed, the United Nations would be only too relieved not to take action against the Chinese Government.

GREAT PRESSURE

But they felt that if considerable numbers of Chinese sought to force the United Nations forces to retreat in Korea, pressure would become very great on the United States and British Governments to authorise the bombing of Chinese bases.

Consequently, observers here this weekend were still basing their hopes of confining the conflict to Korea on any indications still available that military intervention by China would not be pressed, and that the Chinese representatives who are travelling to New York to discuss the Formosa question might, after all, be given discretion to touch on the problem of Korea.—Reuter.

FORGETFUL THIEF

Isleworth, England, Nov.

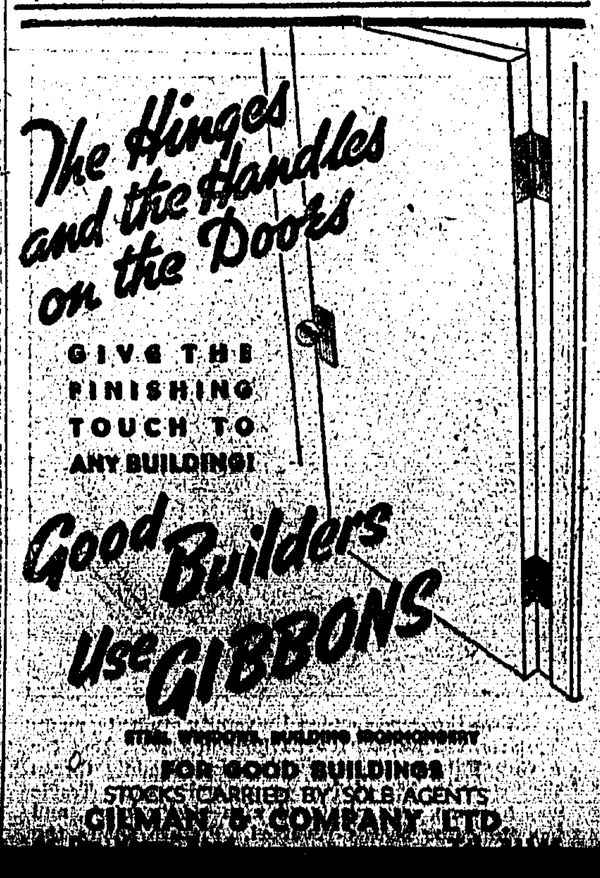
A thief sneaked in a home here, stole a pair of slippers, put them on and broke into three more houses.

He left the slippers in the last house he robbed.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Unfortunate Decision

THE decision of Mao Tse-tung not to accept the invitation to send representatives to the Security Council's discussions on the MacArthur report concerning the intervention of Chinese Communist troops in North Korea is an unfortunate one. It is bound to make world opinion more and more suspicious of Peking's present actions as well as its future intentions. Moreover, by refusing to attend the Council meeting and answer charges contained in the MacArthur report the Chinese Communists virtually condemn themselves as active and unlawful interventionists in the Korean conflict which, as a military campaign, had at one time been determined. Nor are the Peking leaders content simply to reject the Security Council's invitation; they needs must be impudent and send out to the United States a delegation charged with discussing in the Security Council the "aggression of the United States in Korea and Formosa." The delegates cannot, of course, hope to receive a hearing if those be their instructions. There is no such subject before the Council, nor could there be insofar as the United States in Korea has acted from the outset on the instructions of the United Nations, who gave America the full backing of its international authority to conduct the campaign. The immediate effects of Peking's refusal to share in discussions on the MacArthur report are disconcerting enough, but more disturbing is the possible long-term policy which Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai have decided upon. Have they made up their minds to perpetuate strife in the Far East until force of circumstances brings about a general conflict in Asia? Are they, in fact, embarking on a deliberate campaign to foster an international conflict of world-wide dimensions? Their current actions do nothing to belie this possibility or to allay fears. And another important consideration is the role which Soviet Russia is playing in this question of Peking's presence at the Security Council's discussions on Korea. It has been suggested that Russia has persuaded Mao Tse-tung to refuse the Council's invitation for the express purpose of further complicating the international situation and of tying down Western nation forces in Korea so that less attention can be concentrated on building up defences in Europe. It would be typical of the Russians to attempt such a subtle manoeuvre, though whether it can achieve its object is doubtful. The Russians, however, are admittedly adept in making use of delicate political situations for the purpose of sowing disunity among those she regards as her enemies—and she has given every sign that she so regards the United Nations of today. The explanation then of China's truculent reaction to the Security Council's invitation may be that the Peking regime is being used by Russia as a cat's paw to further Russia's political schemes for international disharmony. If such be the case there remains no good purpose in holding new Big Four talks as proposed by the Kremlin. There is no evidence that Russia has any genuinely good intentions behind the proposal; on the contrary she would probably make use of any such meetings to stall for time and so retard progress of the Western Union towards the creation of necessary defences in Europe. To Russia all this may merely represent a new acceleration in the cold war, but in North Korea a hot war is in progress which can only be brought to an end either by the immediate withdrawal of Chinese forces there, or their destruction by the troops of the United Nations. This is why the presence of a Peking delegation in the Security Council to answer satisfactorily charges of military intervention in Korea is essential. Failure to attend is an admission that the Chinese Communists are unlawful interventionists and a warning that they do not intend to make any contribution towards [illegible]



Sheffield Catholics Are Angry

A protest from 25,000 Sheffield Roman Catholics at the letting of the city hall for the "World Peace Congress" came before a meeting of the Sheffield City Council recently. Sent by the Sheffield Council of Catholic Action, it described the letting as "an affront to the citizens."

Opposition members demanded that a letter should be sent to the committee which accepted the booking, but on being put to the vote the motion was defeated.

Canon John White, spiritual director to the Council of Catholic Action, said in an interview: "The letting of the city hall for this so-called Peace Congress is a slur on Sheffield and a disgrace."

Several Sheffield printers have been asked to undertake the production of a kind of newspaper in three languages—English, French, and Russian—during the congress but all have refused on the grounds that they are "not interested."

STILL REFUSED

Another reason given was that they had not the staff or the type to print such a paper. When the woman organiser who approached them with the order said she could send for Russian type and provide the Russian compositors, the firm still refused.

A statement issued by the organisers said that more than seven hundred offers of private accommodation had been received from Sheffield people and that the congress office was still inundated with offers. No further accommodation was required.

Between two hundred and fifty and three hundred delegates will be accommodated in hotels and boarding-houses in Sheffield and others will be in hotels at Buxton, Matlock, Leeds, and in the surrounding districts. Hotel-keepers have been co-operative, it is stated, and many have put small conference rooms at the disposal of their guests.

HEROISM IN THE ARCTIC

The Florence Nightingale of the Arctic, 59-year-old Mrs Elizabeth Kirkina Mukko, is sailing to Labrador walking on two legs for the first time in 27 years, says a Newfoundland message.

When she was two years old her legs became frozen and gangrenous in a blizzard, and were amputated. In spite of this, she raised a family, and studied nursing.

She has just been fitted with new limbs provided by pilots who heard of her heroism, and is going back to be midwife, and nurse to the trappers and Eskimos.

She commented: "It is nice to have legs again after being without them for 27 years."

CAT REACHES RIPE AGE

Kate, the black and white pet of Mrs Angela Lawrence of Chicago, is on the way to becoming a Methuselah among cats at 22 years of age.

Experts say that is equal to 150 years for a human being.

Mrs Lawrence says Kate's advice on attaining longevity would be to eat plenty of liver, kidneys and ground meat, and drink nothing stronger than milk.

Chinese Troops Captured In Korea

This picture, distributed by General MacArthur's Headquarters in Tokyo, shows what were described as the first Chinese Communists captured by South Korean troops. It shows 18 unarmed prisoners wearing thick cotton-padded Chinese winter uniforms and fur-lined caps. On right is a US Army lieutenant questioning the Chinese, who were captured near Changjin reservoir near the Manchurian border.—AP Photo.

Homely Approach To The Colombo Plan

(From Our Own Correspondent)

A new approach to the question of raising living standards in South-east Asia is suggested by a correspondent in a letter to the London Times today. His theory is that elaborate plans to this end can only be made effective by making women partners in the enterprise.

The correspondent, Mr F. L. Brayne, writes: "It will be some time before the Colombo plan will begin to produce results in reduced hunger and suffering. Recruits must be found, trained, and those from Europe and America seasoned. Foreigners must learn the language, the country, and the ways of the people. Data must be collected, plans made and executed.

"Time is against us. How will this gap be filled?

"Foreign experts whizzing round in cars and planes, talking an unknown tongue, will not raise the morale of South-east Asia. Something must be laid on at once to keep the people profitably busy till the big plans mature. Fortunately, this can be done.

"Enough research and social work have already been done in India and probably elsewhere to discover a great variety of very easy and simple but essential things—so simple indeed that the planners take them for granted. These things cost practically nothing but hard work and organisation; they require little or no technical knowledge, and can be taught to social workers in a few weeks' course of "learning by doing," and explained and demonstrated to illiterate villagers in a few minutes, and if put into universal practice would very greatly increase productivity and reduce disease and ill-health.

NEW WAY OF LIFE

"All put together would amount to a new way of life and such health and happiness and security as South-east Asia has never yet known.

"I refer to such things as manure pits, hole-in-the-ground latrines, windows, chimneys, efficient cooking-grates, hay-boxes (to save the cowdung for the fields), and such simple farming improvements as sowing seed in lines, improved ploughs, cultivators and hoes, vegetable growing, selective breeding of livestock, levelling and embanking the fields by ingenuous methods and co-operatively organised crafts.

"There are a hundred more, and the whole programme can be laid on at a few weeks' notice by a government that means business and can recruit sincere workers, so that the confidence of the people may be won and held. For every man employed, at least two women will be wanted to take the new light to the homes, as women cannot be so easily collected for teaching as men.

OTHER ADVANTAGES

"This simple, homely programme, part economic, part hygienic, part 'social,' solves both problems, the time lag and the incentive, and has other advantages as well. It will teach the Government and people to work together and convince the people that the Government can deliver the goods. It will attract the idealist and the patriot, as it meets the obvious needs of the people. Does it not immediately begin to relieve hunger and disease? It eases political and nationalist tensions.

Perhaps best of all, it must obviously be 'put over' in the villages by 'nationals' and, therefore, foreign advisers will not steal the limelight and arouse resentment. So far from replacing the long-term programme, it makes it all the more necessary to satisfy the increasing demands of the people as the light of this homely lamp awakens them from the apathy of ages, and it lays sound physical and spiritual foundations upon which a higher civilisation can be built.

"It is better to begin by jogging along happily together in a bullock-cart than to tow a reluctant people behind an atom-propelled strato-scraper."

SUCCESSFUL SCOT

As a lad of 19 Jimmy Johnston, of Galashiels, could not find a suitable job in Glasgow. So he went to America.

Now he is back with plans to provide thousands of jobs for Scots within the next five or six years. At 63, Mr Johnston is all set to start building the huge electric typewriter factory planned for the West of Scotland.

The new typewriter needs only a 2 oz. pressure on the keys compared with the 21b. tap of the typist on an ordinary machine. It produces up to 20 carbon copies at a time, speeds up output by a third, and prevents typists from feeling weary at the end of the day.

Mr J. Johnston, now vice president of the typewriter manufacturing company, will live in Greenock while supervising the erection of the factory.

Ex-RAF Pilot Now Flying Circusman

Production manager of a family show which can trace its origin to Charles II's time and claims to be Europe's biggest circus, with the world's highest "big top," is 38-year-old ex-Battle of Britain pilot Jimmie Chipperfield, who was born in a horse-drawn caravan during the family circus's one-night stay in a Hampshire village.

Assisting him and his two brothers and his sister is ex-W/O Jimmie Stockley, DFM., his wartime crew-mate, who is now his brother-in-law and transport manager.

Chipperfield is one of the circus industry's leading figures, and flies the world in his own aircraft in search of circus talent and material.

When he is not journeying thousands of miles by plane and car he works a cageful of animals to keep his hand in, just as he did in his boyhood days when he made his first appearance in the family show at 14 in a cageful of lions.

At 24 a polar bear in his animal act mauled him in front of an audience, and put him out of action for more than a year.

Then came the war. The Army requisitioned the family circus transport and immense "big top." Most of the animals were shot or sent to zoos and the performers exchanged their [illegible]

Two thousand London University students, many in fancy dress, paraded London's West End for [illegible] Piccadilly Circus [illegible] Traffic [illegible] and

at first rejected and realised he would have to make up for the time he had spent in the lions' cages instead of at the school desk which he had forsaken at the age of ten. He soon got down to it and spent his last three months as a civilian in a junior school, learning the three R's and more with the children.

This and nights of intensive study won him a cadetship at Cranwell RAF College, and eventually a commission as a pilot. Soon Flying Officer James Chipperfield was doing battle with the defence-of-London squadrons. Flying Mosquitoes, he later battled the doodlebugs and made intruder raids into Germany.

When the war ended he and the family partners worked to restore their circus to its former eminence. They journeyed by road, rail, sea and air thousands of miles before they finally achieved their purpose and were able once more to take the circus on the road.

It has grown until now its fame is known throughout the United Kingdom and it [illegible] is not showing on those seasons when he [illegible] by his home

Scientists Discuss Atomic Age Problems

London.

The two-day conference on the biological hazards of atomic energy at the Royal Institution in London ended with a general discussion, somewhat loosely entitled "Atomic energy in the future."

After Lord Boyd Orr—"just a farmer among famous scientists," as he called himself—had introduced the speakers, Sir George Thomson spoke about what would happen in an atomic war.

On the whole it was not perhaps as frightening as it might have been. Air-bursting bombs, he said, had been tried out. The cumulative effect of radiation on the gases of the air, particularly argon and carbon dioxide, would not, he thought, be of lasting duration.

Broken water mains would certainly spread the damage, but these might be dealt with on the assumption that the de-contamination squad would be able to spend, say, an hour about their work in safety.

Bombs that dug themselves into the ground before they exploded might present graver difficulties, for it was possible that they would cause a shower of irradiated dust.

Sir George quickened his audience, unfortunately without justification, with the words "and then we come to the hydrogen bomb . . ." But on this subject he felt that the lack of published work made speculation unwise, and he went on to speak about the cost of atomic fuel and the fact that men were becoming increasingly unwilling to mine the old-fashioned carboniferous variety.

BENEFICIAL MUTATIONS?

The futuristic side of the discussion virtually ended with Sir George Thomson's speech. Professor Peierls, who followed him, certainly said that it was just possible that mutations caused by radiation might be of importance in the production of good varieties like geniuses, but Professor Mather said that as far as he knew the only recorded mutation of a beneficial kind brought about by radiation was a strain of barley in Sweden.

The next two speakers, Professor Coulson and Professor Kathleen Lonsdale had some stern words to say about ethics and the responsibilities of the scientist. There was a touch of evangelical fire in Professor Coulson's denunciation of the ways of the ostrich and his views on the moral responsibilities of sharing "the spendour of these days."

But, apart from his suggestion that scientists should meet together more often and exchange views on the moral side of their work, he had little to say about what a conscientious scientist should do if he was asked to devise a particularly destructive weapon of war.

Professor Lonsdale was even less inhibited by what is usually regarded as scientific orthodoxy. She said she was not an anti-vivisectionist, but her "blood ran cold" at the thought of the experiments performed on animals in the atomic-bomb tests. She also wanted to know about the casualty rate from radiation at Harwell.

There was very little information available about such affairs. She and an assistant had found it impossible to get up-to-date information about working conditions in the uranium mines. Eventually they found a little about the subject up to the year 1939. The information was enough to show that an excessive number of deaths in the mines was due to tuberculosis and the malignant disorders, particularly cancer of the lungs.

She felt that scientists, "who are not more gifted with common sense than anyone else" (cheers and applause), should concern themselves with such matters.

'ALMOST NEGLIGIBLE'

Apart from the considered themes of the specialists, particularly Lord Boyd Orr on food and Sir Harold Hartley on power, the remainder of the meeting was devoted to the clearing up of odds and ends.

Sir John Cockcroft assured the audience that even minor casualties at Harwell were almost negligible, and that he and his staff had given much advice on the conduct of uranium mining in Canada.

One or two speakers brought out the "Ban the Bomb" theme; in fact, at one point it would not have been surprising if there had been a shower of leaflets in the gallery. But matters were quietly resolved by Lord Boyd Orr, who sent the scientists out for their tea before there were any serious demands for purposeful resolutions. On the technical side at least they had learnt a great deal in two days.

Middlesex Ban On Communist Headmasters

Middlesex County Council decided recently to ban members of the Communist and Fascist parties as principals and heads of schools and technical colleges. Voting, after a two-hour discussion, was 54-29 for the ban, with one abstention.

The decision follows a recommendation by the education committee, who were informed in March that a teacher recommended for the position of head of Bounds Green County Primary School, Wood Green, was a member of the Communist party. It was also stated that he was agent for a Communist candidate at the last election.

The committee recommended that persons known to be members of the Communist or Fascist parties, or to be associated with either in such a way as to raise doubts about their reliability, should be debarred from certain teaching posts.

BATTLE OF IDEOLOGIES

During the discussion Ald. G. A. Pargiter, M.P., Leader of the Socialist opposition, asked for the recommendation to be referred back.

Teachers were not in the position, as Government servants might be, of receiving confidential information. He could not see the end if they began a political battle of ideologies, which would be disastrous for education.

Ald. A.N.H. Baines, leader of the majority Conservative party, said that when considering each appointment they should ask whether the candidate's political beliefs bore the right relation to their allegiance to the British Constitution. He would exclude both Fascists and Communists.

Councillor A. E. Mitchell (Soc.) said teachers were against the resolution. Two meetings as big as any since the crisis over the Burnham scale in 1924 had already been held. The ban might result in a teachers' strike.

WHISKY WITH MUSIC

Scots and their friends overseas will, this Christmas, have the opportunity of helping themselves to a drop of whisky, with a dash of Scottish music, further to enliven the occasion.

And the tunes they will hear as they drink will include such airs as "Bonnie Dundee," "Will ye no Come Back Again?" and "The Bluebells of Scotland."

All this is due to the ingenuity of Mr James O. Harrison, of 97 Mulben Crescent, Glasgow, who last year started to manufacture musical boxes, and then hit on the idea of the musical whisky barrel.

Mr Harrison's first barrels were just musical ornaments. But his latest products actually contain Scotch whisky. The leak-proof containers are of metal, equipped with leak-proof taps. When the taps are turned on and the whisky begins to flow, the music starts to play.

The barrels are already available in the United States, Canada, Australia and Trinidad.

History Of Palace Of Westminster

The recent opening of Britain's new House of Commons, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to replace Sir Charles Barry's Chamber, destroyed in the bombing raid of May 10, 1941, has focussed attention on the historical significance of the Palace of Westminster, which has housed Parliament since 1265. Even the shape of the new Chamber has been governed by the past.

In 1547, during the first year of the reign of the boy King Edward VI, His Majesty's loyal Commons were summoned to the King's private chapel St Stephen's, within the Palace of Westminster, and there they assembled until the chapel was burned to the ground in 1834.

The Chapel, built originally for Edward I in 1292 after the style of the Sainte Chappelle in Paris, was later turned into a college. When the Commons took over, the building contained stalls, a screen and an ante-chapel.

The Speaker's Chair was placed in front of the altar; members sat in the stalls. A table replaced the lectern in the middle of the Choir, and on this was laid the Speaker's Mace. The return-stalls with their backs to the screen became "cross benches," and by making a "Bar of the House" in front of these, members on these Cross benches were technically outside the House (as they still are today).

The ante-chapel became "the Lobby of the House of Commons," and votes were easily counted as members passed into this ante-chapel, by letting the "Ayes" walk out on one side of the double door and the "Noes" on the other.

This information, together with many other historical and architectural details, is contained in "Parliament House", a new book by Maurice Hastings published by the Architectural Press. The many illustrations include old prints, photographs, drawings and plans.

AMERICAN PEDESTRIANS IMPRESS

Officials of Great Britain's million-member Automobile Association think American pedestrians are "almost perfect" in their attention to traffic signals.

They also think highly of the white lines painted in the centre of United States highways to keep motorists safely in line at dangerous spots, crossings and intersections.

The opinions were voiced by Sir Frank Newsom-Smith, World War II Lord Mayor of London and present Vice-President of the AA, Sir Peirson Frank, noted engineer; W. V. Gibson, general secretary of the AA, and H. A. Evans, its establishment officer. The four traffic engineering experts surveyed American highways.

"In England, virtually no one pays any attention whatever to traffic lights," Sir Peirson said. "Imagine our surprise, then, when we saw nearly all pedestrians in the many American cities we visited obeying the signals, Wonderful, really."

Sir Peirson said he would recommend that white highway lines be painted on Britain's roads.

Okoi Goes Back To Mud Hut

Okoi Arikpo, 30-year-old son of a West African chief, has left his comfortable flat in Kilburn, London, for a mud hut in Southeast Nigeria. With him went his bride Asi, who will meet her parents-in-law for the first time.

For Okoi, his return to Africa marks an important stage in his career. Nearly five years ago, he left his home town of Umor, where his father leads 20,000 people, to study anthropology and law at London University. He is going back to Nigeria as the first qualified African anthropologist ever to study the tribal habits and customs of his own countrymen.

Mr and Mrs Arikpo went to England in the same ship early in 1946. They knew each other only slightly. Mrs Arikpo then went to Dublin to study midwifery, and they met by chance again in London. Last May they were married at the Scottish Church in Covent Garden.

While her husband is studying the Ekoi, a little-known tribe in the hill country near Oban, Mrs Arikpo will be helping with social and welfare work and bringing the local babies into the world.

Black Plague Peril In America

CHICAGO.

A medical authority reports that conditions in the southwestern and western States are favourable for an outbreak of bubonic plague, known in medieval times as the "black death."

Dr Vernon B Link, writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, said an unusual number of isolated cases have occured in New Mexico and other south-western and western States during the last year.

Link, who is associated with the Western Communicable Disease Centre Laboratory in San Francisco, said most of the cases were believed to have been contracted from the fleas of rats, squirrels and other animals.

He said the real danger, however, lies in the fact that cases of the pneumonic type can be spread from person to person by coughing.

"Unless plaguue is suspected, diagnosed, and treated early, sooner or later a case will occur in which a pathologic pulmonary condition will develop and initiate a pneumonic outbreak with far more serious loss of life than generally occurs from the sporadic occurrence of single bubonic cases," Link said.

INFECTED RODENTS

He said infected wild rodents have been found in California, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

"Five cases of plague occurred in New Mexico from July 1949, through July 1950," Link said.

"Eight additional suspected cases have been observed during the same period in California, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. These totals are considerably above previous averages."

During recent years doctors have acquired two life-saving drugs, streptomycin and sulfadiazine, which have proved effective against the disease which during the Middle Ages killed a fourth of Europe's population in an almost continuous series of epidemics.—United Press.

HOUSEWIFE'S MARATHON

Using a pedometer while doing the housework, Madge Castle of Capetown found that she walked 13 miles daily between the kitchen sink and kitchen table and pantry alone, not counting the shopping, taking the children to school and cleaning the rest of the house.

She took 23,000 steps and calculates she covers 4,745 miles a year, taking 6,300,000 steps.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

"Dear Mr Editor," wrote the author of the article appearing below, "I want to belly-ache! I want to say what I think of this madhouse we mistakenly call a world. I want the chance to let your readers see what a selfish, arrogant, hypocritical set of bounders we all are. What a blasted mess we are making of things! I think you will agree with me."

Well, Mr Shaw, we may not necessarily agree with you, but we are going to let you get rid of that belly-ache in these columns, under the title . . . .

This Madhouse Of A World

BY RALPH SHAW

I hope that Gerald Heard is right. I pray with all my heart that "another world"—a race of more enlightened beings—is really watching us. And I wouldn't get into a blue funk if they decided to launch a "saucer" invasion to civilise us. God knows that we need it—and Mr Heard seems to be pretty certain that the "watchers" are a peaceful, very clever species, whoever they are.

When you come to think of it, it's time that some "schoolmasters" took us in hand and taught us how to live together like decent, thinking human beings—not animals! You can't deny that we're living like animals now—killing, biting, snarling. For what? You tell me.

Take me, for instance. When I was a kid up in Yorkshire, my father earned glory—but precious little money!—serving his King and Country in the Royal Garrison Artillery. My mother, with two hearty brats to feed and clothe, sewed day after day, night after night, to supplement the pittance she received from the War Office—and, as a result, she contracted tuberculosis, which killed her many years later. But thank Heaven, my father came back all in one piece and avoided the dubious honour of having his name inscribed by chisel on the local war memorial.

That was the "war to end all wars." Remember? That was the price paid by what has been called "the flower of English manhood" (and French, Italian, American, Russian and many others, too) to bring peace to the world after the carnage and utter savagery of France, Flanders, Gallipoli and the other "slaughterhouses."

"Kitchener Wants You!" screamed the recruiting posters when the fighting was on. Young ladies dashed around handing out white feathers to young males who were not in uniform.

HATED GERMANS

Remember the scene after the war when young ladies—probably the same ones—handed out coppers to armless and limbless men, medals on their chests, when they had been demobilised by a grateful government, which allowed them to turn the handle of a hurdy-gurdy in the streets of our cities?

I don't remember much about that war—I was only five years of age when it ended—but I do remember hating the Germans with an intensity that shocks me today. One of the kids up the street was the proud possessor of a German helmet, which his father had brought back home after ramming his bayonet well into the guts of the rightful wearer. How we envied that kid and his father, who, incidentally, did not come back on any more leaves from the front.

The amazing thing was that, soon after the war had ended, I went to stay on a farm in Cheshire, where German prisoners were employed as labourers. I say amazing because I was really surprised to find that these individuals, with big patches on their backs, were human after all. And, instead of eating us alive as we had been told they would (that was in time of war), they dandled us on their knees and showed all the affection that civilised persons shower on children.

All of which just goes to prove that a heelt of a lot of tommy-rot is talked and written when savagery is let loose in the world, and when the peoples of the various nations of the earth are led, like sheep, up the garden path which their rulers have chosen for them. And we take it all in—men, women and children.

Yet we—most of us, anyway—like to call ourselves followers of the Christian Faith in big, small or indifferent measure. But what kind of Christians are we when we go to our churches and pray, together with our so-called spiritual leaders, for the deaths of as many of the enemy as the good Lord wills. And the same, of course, applies to the "Christians" of the particular nation with whom we are on terms of mutual savagery. If that is Christianity, then my impression of Jesus Christ and his message of brotherly love, non-violence and the love of one's enemies is all cockeyed! But it's a cockeyed world, anyway.

UNHOLY MESS

Well, as you know, that war should have ended all future wars. England—and other countries—were to be places "fit for heroes to live in." It certainly took a hero to live in England after that war.

We formed a League of Nations. This was to be the instrument of peace, a meeting place where nations could settle their differences in a Christian-like way. Only America wouldn't have anything to do with it! And, isolated behind the barrier of the Atlantic Ocean, she watched the unholy mess that was being brewed in Geneva—the squabbles, the biting, the scratching and the blasphemy of statesmen and politicians.

All went well until a particular nation wanted something that the others didn't want her to have. Then everybody squawked about a righteous cause. Those were the days of sanctions. Those were the days, too, of selfish, national interests which, when unsatisfied, cared about as much for the League of Nations as they did for the inviolability of treaties.

Japan wanted Manchuria. She took Manchuria—by the sword. The League tried again. Italy wanted Ethiopia. She took Ethiopia—by the sword. The "Lion of Judah" shouted at the League, but he still remained homeless. Germany wanted the Rhineland—and many other places. She took the Rhineland and the other places—by flashing the sword. Japan, having digested Manchuria, wanted China. She took China—or part of it—by the sword. And still the League—minus a few members, who had taken umbrage—carried on. What for? You tell me.

HOLY HORROR

Doesn't that prove that we are a bunch of hypocrites? We throw up our hands in holy horror when somebody else wants something that we don't want them to have. Perhaps we are right. Perhaps there is a lot of wrong in that somebody else. But, you can bet your life, that we should discover all sorts of righteous causes if we desired something which the others didn't want us to have and which we were determined to get. That, after all, is only human. And it's been going on for more years than I care to think about.

Yes, we are human beings and that doesn't say much for us. We are greedy, grasping, selfish, cruel, lying, self-centred rascals with a love for ourselves that transcends all other loves in our lives — by and large, I mean. What do we care about our neighbour? Do we love them as Christianity tells us to love them? Well, we might feel sorry for them in their adversity. But that's about as far as it goes. As long as we don't have to dip into our pockets or to put ourselves out in any other way, then we're willing to give, quite freely, waves and waves of sympathy and to make specious excuses when anything else more useful tangible is asked for.

And if, by chance, we do give something more useful than sympathy, don't we love to crow about it and to be called "philanthropists." After all, it's only human. But, for the life of me, I can't see what use a temporal title is going to be in the next life—if there is one. All of which shows how petty we are in the eyes of more enlightened beings, who may—or may not—be watching us. We just blow up like bloated bullfrogs when praise comes our way and our waistcoats have to be revamped to take the extra inches placed on the chest.

ONLY EPISODE !

If I remember correctly, the New Testament tells us to keep our acts of charity well hidden from the eyes of the world. But then we always were a boastful, bragging lot.

You all know that the "war to end all wars" was only Episode One of a serial of savagery, which got rid of many more males—and females, this time—than we could afford to lose. But "right triumphed over might." Or did it?

For a world at peace, we are doing a remarkably good job of showing the "saucer fellows" that we dwell in one vast lunatic asylum.

Up in Korea, "right" is not doing so well against "might." In Tibet, the Dalai Lama's subjects are being "liberated." In Indo-China, one, Ho Chi-minh, doesn't like the French—and the French don't like him. In Malaya, some jungle dwellers are showing how civilised they are by slaughtering all and sundry. In Pakistan, there is a wariness about the designs of India. In India, there is a fear of the designs of Pakistan. In Indonesia, the Dutch have been booted out—and still the sword is out. Egypt is afraid of Israel. Israel is afraid of Egypt. The Arabs dislike the Jews. The Jews dislike the Arabs. Spain is ostracised because she has a form of government not to the liking of many other nations. Berlin is split into two parts—a city of hate. You have to toe one line in East Europe—or else. And Russia is convinced that the so-called Western Bloc is out for her blood and her utter destruction. On the other hand, the Western Bloc feels the same way about Russia.

Now, if that isn't a madhouse then what is? But it's all so human.

I think that the woes of this world stem from the fact that we are human beings—petty, selfish creatures in whom the real spark of Christianity has never alighted (or the spark of any other religion, for that matter). Why, even the churches of Christ are at war—one denomination against the other. That's human — certainly not divine.

I offer no solution for the ills of the world. Like you, I have to fight for every penny I earn. What I earn, I want to keep—for myself. I can't afford to be generous. I'm banging away through life to the grave—like you. I have idealistic thoughts about a world brotherhood, but I don't want to put myself out to do anything about it. I know that I like the Chinese as a race—but I have no reassuring thought that the Chinese Communists may feel the same way about me if they flash the sword this way. I want to be friendly with everybody—but everybody won't let me. So there it is: if a war comes, then I'm in it willy-nilly. I'll start gnashing my teeth and writing a lot of tripe about something I really don't believe in—just like a sheep.

Of course, if we could forget that we belonged to different races, if we could talk sensibly to one another like brothers (which we are), if we could "love our enemies" and live together like neighbours, then we might get somewhere. But we can't. To my way of thinking, the world is big enough to house capitalism, communism, socialism and any other "isms" in perfect harmony.

Anyway, it's only human to err—and we all think that we shall be forgiven when Judgment Day arrives. I hope so!

Dogma Illuminations In Rome

During the night of Nov. 1, on which date the Pope proclaimed the Dogma of the bodily Assumption into Heaven of the Virgin Mary, many public and ancient buildings in Rome were floodlit. Here, part of the ancient Forum, Romanum (Roman Forum) with the ruins of the temple to Castor and Pollux (three columns in centre) are floodlit.—AP Photo.

He Could Remember Every Word Of A Debate In Commons

Memory Woodfall would never know the old place. Of course, Memory did his stuff in the House of Commons back in the days just before George Washington led the rumpus over in the American colonies.

It was a severely punishable offence in those days for newspaper reporters to take notes in the House of Commons. That is where memory really shone. Such was his remarkable ability that he could listen to a three-hour debate and remember every word. The next day his memory filled four columns in the Morning Chronicle.

The facilities for the Press are the most remarkable feature of the new House of Commons building, which was taken over recently by Members who have used the House of Lords Chamber since their own place was destroyed by Luftwaffe fire bombs in 1941.

For the first time, there are enough telephones in the Press Gallery for reporters to get the news to their offices.

Old-time newsmen like Bill Barkley of the Daily Express can remember a time not too long ago when most reporters came armed with carrier pigeons and sent their dispatches fluttering back to editorial rooms securely tied to the leg of a bird.

CERTAIN DANGER

The venerable London Times, up to shortly before World War II, dispatched its articles from the Commons to the office by rider on horseback, scorning the combustion engine as a doubtful carrier so far as reliability was concerned.

There was a time, up to the late 1700's, when publication of what was said in Commons placed an editor in almost certain danger of going to gaol.

Dr Samuel Johnson was one of the first to wriggle around the ban. He published a magazine which contained a "Report of the Senate of Lilliputia." Strangely enough, the debates bore a marked similarity to those in the House of Commons.

It is said that Johnson was excused because the eloquence of his pen was such that orators felt flattered by his acute insight into what they really intended to say. Johnson never let a Lilliputian debate flag—if it was dull in the House he managed to whip up a bitter fight, always making sure that neither side got a definite advantage over the other.

Dr Johnson paved the way for more accurate, if less interesting, accounts by reporters like Memory Woodfall, but it was not until 1802 that the first verbatim account of the day's speeches in Commons was printed by an organisation which had been founded by a printer, T. C. Hansard.

GONE FOREVER

But the days of Memory, Dr Johnson and the carrier pigeons are gone forever. The new House has a library, writing rooms, row after row of telephones and a richly furnished dining room for the once maltreated Press.

The lounge is so arranged that a newsman, on entrance, comes first to a counter serving tea and coffee, then to a cafeteria rail and finally to a bar.

"A journalist is now able," wrote one gratified old-timer, "to have afternoon tea, enjoy a palatable dinner and then partake of stimulants during the late evening all the while proceeding steadily forward."
—United Press.

CHRISTMAS RETURNS

There will be a Christmas this year after all for the 600 Aleut natives of the remote Pribilof Islands.

The prospect looked bleak when the U. S. Penguin burned at its moorings in Seattle last June. For 20 years this tough little ship plied the hazardous North Pacific and Bering Sea, supplying the only major link between the islanders and the outside world. Without its vital services there would be no place for a frivolous cargo of mail order Christmas gifts.

Thanks to the quick action of the U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service, however, Christmas will be as big as ever for the Pribilof Islanders. A hastily drafted replacement for the Penguin from the Army Transportation Corps will bring in the annual Christmas cargo of washing machines, outboard motors, bicycles, and even Christmas trees, paid for out of the natives' summer earnings in the lucrative fur-seal industry.
—United Press.

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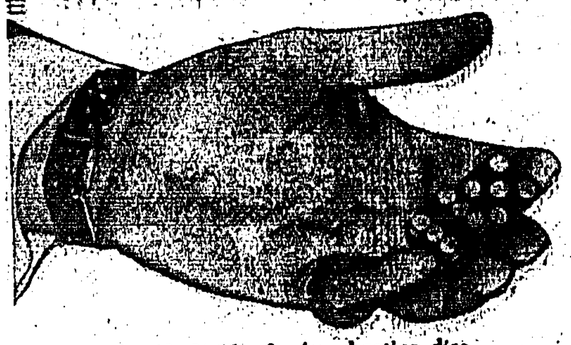


The Clark Clutch—for shooting dice.

By H. L. McNALLY

LONDON.

WHISKY'S fascinatin' gambling's fascinatin' hotel's fascinatin'—with all three together why life's just fascinatin'.

It's the top, it's the Desert Inn. It's £1,400,000. It's Wilbur Clark.

Wilbur—"Little Caesar" as they know him in Las Vegas, Nevada U.S.A.—introduced himself to London with a flash of his 5-carat blue-white diamond ring and a wave of his watch wristlet of platinum links.

These are self - designed—showing in enamel the four aces and the six and five of dice.

Five foot seven 11 stone 11lb. clad in bottle-green gabardine. Wilbur Clark looked out over the city — "My first visit to Europe"—from his fifth-floor suite in Grosvenor House.

The inn

Desert Inn, 400 miles from Reno, is his creation. He is president.

It has everything a super holiday camp could have, plus legal gambling — roulette, chemindefer, poker, dice throwing, slot-machines. "Sir, I've got a hundred of those, and I've seen women play on them till they'd blisters on their fingers"—and what have you.

Imagine a Butlin camp—"Say, who's Billy Butlin. I never heard of him?"—run by M. Ritz, and you have some idea of Desert Inn.

Think for a moment in dollars nearly three to a £ and let Wilbur take the stand.

"I have 300 rooms," he said. "Prices from five dollars up to 45. Dinner three and half about.

"We gross 70,000 a month in the dining room on food, but it costs us 100,000. Floor shows cost up to 20,000 a week but then we have the tops of entertainment.

"Gambling pays for it all. Dead straight, it shows us in the clear."

The dice

Wilbur murmured about "no locks on our doors, ham and eggs and hors d'oeuvres at all hours of the day. "Then he went on to talk of his early days. Success story. Local boy makes good. Jolson story of hotels.

Kinda quick rise from his birth 41 years ago, in Keysport, Illinois (pop then 500)—"Just about as many people as I employ now in my hotel." Kinda quick from dish-washing right up to croupier, then gambling saloon owner—"No I'm not a gambling king" — and hotel magnate.

Wilbur's a man you can't stop. He produced a pair of plastic dice—"You can see there's no lead in them"—and then one of his miniature roulette tables.

The wife

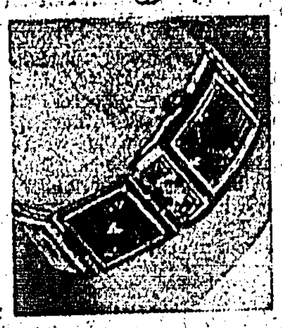
Then he talked of the 125,000 dollars one of his tables lost a few weeks ago to a "lone stranger" who made 28 straight passes with the dice—"Did he roll dem bones?" It was a 10,000,000 to one chance, said the permutators.

Wilbur has a private life and a charming wife. Pity Anne Edwards can't tell you about her so plain, but so chic grey suit. No fandangoes. Just so.

"I met Toni in 1941 in a cocktail bar in San Diego," said Wilbur. "I was just visiting my sister when I fell in with Wilbur." she said.

She's fascinatin', too.

London Express Service



THE four aces . . . the six and the five of dice — they're all on Mr Wilbur Clark's self - designed platinum watch-strap.

AGED PETAIN NEAR DEATH

By Robert Ahier

ILE D'YEU.

A FEEBLE old man of 94 sits today in a white-washed cell listening for the sixth consecutive year to the autumn surf pounding this bleak island with a sound like the rumble of distant guns.

The cannonade of the Atlantic is louder now than the pulse of the old man who lies most of the day on a simple army cot, dreaming of the days when he was the hero of his country and symbol of its power.

Henri Philippe Petain, idol of France as the "hero of Verdun" and a symbol of disgrace as the "traitor of Vichy" in World War II, has moved to his winter quarters in the grim old Pierre-Levee fortress. This was the price of collaboration with the Nazis.

During the summer, he had been allowed to live on a floor below, away from the glare of the sun which lashed the sunken courtyard of the fortress.

SUMMER EASIER

Thus, the summer had been easier than the others he had known since he was condemned in November, 1945, to serve out a sentence for life in prison.

The old Marshal, who is still the "grand old man of France" to many of his fellow countrymen, seems to know despite his failing memory that his days are numbered.

Each Sunday morning, a Catholic priest and two doctors visit him in his tiny apartment in the fortress.

After the doctors have checked his respiration, blood pressure and pulse, the priest performs Mass in the dark dining room, using the table as an altar.

On a recent Sunday, Petain told the three men as they came into his room: "Two of you have come for my body, and one for my soul. There is nothing else I really need."

Living conditions for the aged Marshal have improved gradually under the growing pressure of public opinion. He now has two military nurses and two Catholic nuns to care for him.

They cook his meals on a small stove and are in attendance 24 hours a day.

The number of guards around the fortress has been reduced from almost 100 to 30, and only one stands now at the entrance of the fortress, with a machine-gun.

DAILY VISITS

His wife, Madame Eugenie Hardion Petain, who is 20 years his junior and whom he married when he was 64, still visits him every day at the prison. A familiar figure on this tiny island, 15 miles off the coast of France, she lives in a little hotel near by, and drives a battered old car to the prison each morning.

"Each day," she said, "I tell him what is going on in the world, and he was very much interested in the Korean war. When things looked blackest for the United Nations forces he told me, 'I am surprised at the American setback, but I am confident they will do better later on'."

Occasionally, Petain opens a large cupboard in his bedroom and gazes silently on his Marshal's uniform with the seven stars shining thereon.

He does not know whether he will be buried in his uniform when he dies, or in a plain suit of civilian clothes—symbol of his disgrace.

Nobody on the island has told the Marshal that the French Government already has brought over a huge coffin which has been put in a small room next to his winter quarters. It lies waiting for the Marshal's sentence to be completed.—United Press.

Loneliest Island To Be Developed

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Far away in the southern waters of the Atlantic, midway between the vast African and South American continents, lies the little island of Tristan Da Cunha, one of the smallest British colonies. Nine miles long and nine and a half miles broad, it rises only 100 feet above the ocean surface, a tiny outpost of civilisation, a challenge to the surrounding mighty waters.

For its population of 230, whose only link with the outside is the tiny radio station, life is indeed primitive. Until recent years there was no doctor on the island, all medical duties being carried out by a missionary.

Now the island boasts its own medical officer, but so sturdy are the inhabitants that seldom is he called upon for any serious cases.

To care for their frugal needs, the islanders raise cattle, of which there are about 250 on the island, and sheep, which outnumber them in the ratio of four to one, beside numerous small flocks of poultry.

GROWN TIRED

In recent years the population of the island has diminished as first one and then another of the young men have grown tired of the humdrum existence and set forth to earn a living elsewhere.

The setting-up of a South African fishery group a couple of years back did something to arrest this slow but sure exodus, which threatened eventually to make Tristan Da Cunha an uninhabited island.

And now comes news that the Colonial Development Corporation, alive to the needs of islanders for some other form of livelihood, is planning the commercial development of Tristan's crawfish industry.

A special vessel equipped with deep freezing apparatus and deep cold storage accommodation to process and transport frozen crawfish tails to Capetown for the North American and European markets is to be provided. A canning plant will be erected and operated on the island.

SHIPPING SERVICE

The crawfish will be caught by the local fishermen around Tristan, as well as by the fishery vessel operating near the adjacent uninhabited island of the group. The vessel will make the necessary voyages between Tristan and Capetown which will, in turn, establish a regular shipping service to the island.

The Tristan Da Cunha Development Company, which has undertaken the initial work of investigation, will now be reorganised, and the additional finance, estimated at about £130,000, will be found by the Colonial Development Corporation.

SOUVENIR FOR A MINER

One of Mr Winston Churchill's cigars, half-smoked, will shortly be going across the Atlantic as a souvenir present to a Canadian miner.

As Mr Churchill took his seat with Mrs Churchill in the no-smoking Westminster Theatre recently to see "Journey's End" he handed his hat and lighted cigar to usherette Patricia Anderson, 25-year-old Canadian war bride, who returned tomorrow to her London home two years ago because of the Canadian housing shortage.

"I am sending the cigar to my husband, a metal miner, near Montreal," said Mrs Anderson afterwards. "I hope to follow it next spring—when my husband gets a house."

After the show Mr Churchill shook hands with the actors—all ex-servicemen of the second World War.

GUN TO SHOOT AT THE MOON

A 3.7-inch A.A. gun is being hoisted to the top of the old Shot Tower on the Festival of Britain site on the south bank of the Thames, to train radar beams on the moon. Radar equipment will be attached to the gun which will be completed but for the barrel "sleeve."

Scientists hope to make new facts about the moon and to discover whether the moon has any effect on the "fading" of wireless waves.

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WOMANSENSE

Viennese Fashion And Music Tour

Viennese fashions and Viennese music have joined forces for an extensive propaganda tour which will bring them to Scandinavia, Holland, Germany and even Finland, where they will be transported from Sweden by six aeroplanes specially dispatched by the Finnish government. The orchestra which goes on this tour simultaneously with the fashion group is the famous Vienna "Philharmonics" and in honour of these Austrian guests several of the towns to be visited plan a sort of "Austrian Week." The tour started at the end of September.

A selection of couture and ready-to-wear garments, of hats, blouses, underwear, leather goods, shoes, umbrellas, and various arts and crafts goods has been made by Frau Klimt-Klenau, fashion adviser of the industries' promotion branch of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce.

Ten Viennese models are going on the trip for which 17 parades are planned.

Owing to numerous demands, some of historic Austrian costumes are included which will be shown in folk dances to the accompaniment of zither playing. Hats and garments of peasant inspiration will also be shown. Some of Vienna's most prominent designers have taken part in their creation.

The classic Austrian peasant fabric "Loden" will be used for some typically Austrian garments besides handwoven materials. An unusual novelty is a "Wetter fleck," a cape with shortened sides as worn in the Alpine provinces, developed in sealskin.

Daytime Plaids

Colourful wool frock.

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

GREEN, red and black plaid is used for a rayon and wool mixture dress that would be a good choice for smart, but busy daytime duty. It is nicely pointed up with black velvet collar and cuffs. A small fold describes a pointed yoke both front and back in a sort of a shawl collar line. Tiny black velvet buttons close the snug bodice to below the waist. The skirt has unpressed pleats all around.

ODD ODDS

A new paper, made from the same raw material as an ordinary paper bag, is about one-seventeenth the thickness of a single human hair and it would take 5,000 sheets of it to make a stack one inch high.

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From the cheese trade in Wisconsin comes word that cheese can now be aged in 60 days instead of six months by being bombarded with the rays of an arc lamp.

A Children's Disease That Needs Proper Nursing Care

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

CHILDREN not infrequently develop a condition known as lipoid or fatty nephrosis. While its cause is unknown, its effects are well understood. Unfortunately, we know of no preventive measures. They are serious because in some way large amounts of protein are pulled out of the child's body tissues and excreted in the urine as albumin. In addition, there is edema or a collection of fluid in the tissues.

Unfortunately, we have no cure nor do we know of any way in which to shorten the course of this disease. However, good nursing care, proper diet, and the prevention of infections can do much to safeguard its child victims against its worst effects.

It seems advisable that a child with this condition be kept in a hospital. However, he does not need to stay in bed except during periods when the disorder becomes worse or when some infection develops.

PLENTY OF STARCH

It is of greatest importance that a diet high in protein, such as meat, milk and eggs, be employed. The diet also should supply plenty of starchy foods and sugars, but should be low in fats and salt. Fats are restricted, to lessen fat deposits in the kidneys. Feedings should be given five times a day. The amount of fluids taken by mouth is not restricted. The intake of vitamins should be at least double the normal amount.

LOSS OF APPETITE

There may be periods during which there is loss of appetite, vomiting, or diarrhoea. During such periods, it may be necessary to give injections, into the bloodstream, of blood plasma or the fluid part of blood. If there is severe anaemia, with resulting loss of colouring or red cells in the blood, the injection of whole blood into a vein may be employed.

The particular danger in this disease is from such infections as peritonitis or pneumonia. Should these complications develop, they may be combated with the sulfonamide drugs or penicillin. When the symptoms of the nephrosis suddenly become worse, it is suggested that treatment with the sulfonamide drugs and penicillin be utilised, even though such infection is not definitely diagnosed. Preparations of amino acids, which are the substances that make up proteins, may be given by injection into a vein several times a day. Special nursing care is important in order to prevent infection of the skin and the development of bedsores.

KIDNEY ACTION

There are various substances which are used in many cases of kidney disorders which stimulate kidney action and the elimination of fluids. However, these substances are not utilised in the treatment of nephrosis in most cases.

Just recently, however, some physicians have utilised a product which can be injected into a vein. This substance, known as concentrated serum albumin, will very effectively eliminate a great deal of the fluid that has accumulated in the body cells. Its only drawback is that there isn't too much of it available and the price is very high. And, too, it must be remembered that it is not a cure, but a good temporary relief-obtaining substance.

A TROUSER-SKIRT WITH PLEATS

This pleated trouser-skirt fashion is in shantung finished taffeta—a blue-green worn with a green jersey blouse. It was shown at a New York dress show held in aid of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.
—(London Express Service)

A Collection Of Italian Jewellery

Some 50 different models in necklets, in clear stones and imitations of semi-precious stones—jade, malachite, tortoise shell, and others—are included in the costume jewellery collection prepared by Lyda Coppola Toppo, high style creator who sells to many of the Paris couture houses.

Mrs Toppo said the clear stones are wanted especially in topaz, amethyst and ruby tones, as well as smoky crystal and the pale champagne tone which sold last season. Pendants and fastenings are elaborately worked in this collection, and feature stones set in metal settings in high relief, sometimes suggesting Byzantine and Old Russia inspiration. All of the necklets are short enough to lie close to the throat and tend to have depth.

To match are earrings which also are massive. In addition to imitation stones Mrs Toppo is using genuine semi-precious ones, notably topazes.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Tasty Afternoon Snack

"This tea menu would be good any time a substantial snack is in order," commented the Chef. "However, I would suggest a choice of tea or coffee."

Tea or Coffee with Snacks
Boston Raisin Brown Bread & Cream Cheese Sandwiches
Baked Bean and Catsup Sandwiches
Thin Ham Sandwiches
Butter Cream Roll Cake

Along towards seven o'clock we wandered down the aisle to the galley, or kitchen.

"Yes, we cook the meals in transit," explained the head hostess. "Most of the food is partly prepared and frozen; it comes from Australia. We take on more frozen food at Fiji.

"Here are the refrigerators for frozen food storage, kept cold with dry ice. For meats we have on board roast beef, lamb cutlets and Australian bacon. For vegetables, frozen oven-browned and French fried potatoes and green peas."

We returned to our seats and a moment later dinner arrived. You might serve the same type of meal the Chef and I enjoyed.

Today's Dinner
Chilled Grapefruit Sections
Bread
Broiled Fillets of Fish with Lemon Butter
Parslied Potatoes
Summer Squash
Little Lemon Cheese Pies
Coffee, Tea or Milk

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Line individual pans with American pie pastry. Fill with lemon cheese filling; bake 25 min. at 350 F.

Lemon Cheese Filling: Beat 3 eggs. Add 1½ c. cottage cheese, ½ c. sugar, the juice and grated rind 1 lemon, 3 tbsp. top milk, and 3 tbsp. chopped raisins.

Trick Of The Chef

Season mashed summer squash with minced dill.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Willy Toad's Easy Life

—He Sat on a Toadstool Catching Flies—

By MAX TRELL

Willy, catching a meal.

"I FEEL very sorry for Willy Toad," Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, said to her brother Knarf.

"Why?" asked Knarf in a surprised voice. He always had thought that Willy, who lived on top of a toadstool in the middle of the Pine Tree Grove, had a very happy sort of life. He seemed to do nothing all day except catch flies and mosquitoes as they passed by.

"Well," said Hanid, "most folks have houses to live in. Squire Squirrel lives in the hollow of a tree. Blinky Mole and Chipmunk have underground residences. Clive the Snail has his own private house which he carries around with him wherever he goes. Mrs Catt and Pooh Pooh the poodle live in a regular house with people. The mice live in the cellar. Birds have nests. But Willy just lives on top of a toadstool."

"What's wrong with that?"

Top of Table

"It's like living on top of a table," said Hanid. "How would you like to live on top of a table?"

"I'd like it fine! I'd get lots to eat if I lived on top of a table!"

"The top of a table is no place to live on. And neither is the top of a toadstool! I'm going to find another place for Willy to live — a good place, where he can be comfortable, where he can keep out of the rain, where he can invite his friends. I'm going to find him a real home!"

So Hanid went out to find a new home for Willy. Meanwhile Knarf went to the Pine Tree Grove to see Willy and tell him the good news. He found Willy sitting as usual on top of his toadstool, snapping lazily at flies as they buzzed past his nose.

"Hanid's looking for a new home for you," Knarf told Willy.

Willy said: "Wonderful idea! Let's help her look!"

After a little looking they came on Hanid talking to Squire Squirrel at the foot of the maple tree.

"Certainly, my dear," Squire was saying. "I'd love to have Willy live in a hollow in this tree. But—dear me—they're all taken. Owl lives in one. I live in another. The third hollow—the attic we call it — is way up near the top of the tree. I doubt if Willy can hop up that high."

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"Just as I thought," said Squire to Hanid. "And besides, no flies ever fly that high either. That attic-hollow is a nice, airy, breezy, sunshiney home. But Willy will always be hungry in it."

"Let's look for another place," Knarf suggested.

Hanid, after thanking Squire for his trouble, hurried across the road. Knarf and Willy followed her. She stopped before a fallen log.

"Now this is a pleasant place for a home, Willy—right under the shade of this log. Look, there's a little path scooped out already. It leads right under the log."

Scooped Out Path

Willy and Knarf looked at the scooped-out path. "You can sit on top of the log in the daytime, catching flies. And at night you can creep under the log," said Hanid.

At that moment a woodchuck stuck out his head. "What's this about living under my log?" he said angrily. "I live here! There's no room for anybody else!"

"Oh, I beg your pardon!" Willy said. Then Knarf and Hanid and Willy all walked quickly away.

Hanid brought Willy to several different places after that. She brought him to a place under the back steps of the house. Unfortunately a spider lived here already. "Go away!" she said.

They looked in a hole in a corner of the barn. "Go away!" screeched several mice. "We live here!"

The only vacant place they could find was an old tin can lying in a ditch at the side of the road. But Willy sighed and said: "I don't think I'd be happy living in an old tin can."

So Willy is still living on top of his toadstool in the middle of the Pine Tree Grove. "It hasn't got a roof," he says. "It hasn't got walls or furniture. But it has got flies and mosquitoes. That's all I want!"

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Quilted Lounge Coat

By PRUNELLA WOOD

Philip Mangone

WE GIVE you the back view of this handsome and casual style greatcoat, for therein is put its drama. A swash-buckling coat, but with its swirl disciplined by a half-belt-in back, by the skilfully rounded shoulders, and the deep set sleeves.

The fabric is a deep blue wool, pliant and warm; buttons are bone of the same colour and pockets are set low and deeply flapped. The collar will stay up, as sketched, faultlessly; if you prefer it flat, it folds down neatly. Details such as the back-belt which doubles on itself to button, passing through square fabric loops at the side seams, and the arrowhead embroidered at the top of the inverted centre back pleat, are highstyle touches.

HOW often have you felt you would like something cosily warm to slip over your pyjamas or negligee? The lounge coat of quilted chintz, challis or satin makes a happy answer.

It can be as long as you want it, from bed-jacket length to full robe; lined as brilliantly as desired.

You need two lengths of fabric, shoulder to length you want, plus 1/3 yd. for sleeves, plus ¼ yd. extra if big, hold-everything pockets are desired—with the same amount of lining. We used 2 5/8 yd. of quilted chintz a yd. and 2 5/8 yd. of percale lining.

To cut, straighten fabric. Cut off 12" crosswise strip for sleeves and ¼ yd. if pocket piece has been provided. Pin lengthwise edges together.

Place A at exact centre on fold, and 1" to right, B. C is directly above A and D 1" to left of C. Draw straight chalk line from B to D for shoulder line.

Parallel to Selvages

Draw centre front line parallel to selvages, 1" in from edge, as broken line indicates. This inch allows for ¼" front seam with ¾" lap.

Measure armhole less 3" to right of B for E; armhole less 3" to left of D for F. Draw straight line down from F, up from E.

On these lines measure up ¼ bust plus 4" for G; and down from centre front line ¼ bust plus 4" for H. Draw lines H to I and G to J. Cut on these lines, curving underarms as indicated.

Measure in from B 1/6 neck plus ½" for K. Measure down from D 1/6 neck plus 1 ½" for L. M is ¼ neck to right of D.

Mark Neck Curves

Mark back and front neck curves. Cut out neckline and along shoulder line K to L. Cut fold B to E.

Cut lining same as top, using top as a pattern for all pieces. Divide sleeve piece lengthwise into 4 pieces. Seam one 9" edge to each sleeve. Make pockets 9" deep and about 11" wide.

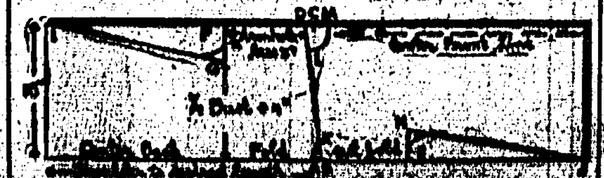
Then join back shoulders to fronts. Backs measure 1" more than front, so ease these in, pinning to hold in fullness. Stitch shoulders and underarm seams.

Lining in Same Way

Prepare lining in same way and stitch to coat. Lay right sides of coat and lining together, pin carefully on all edges except at bottom of centre back. Leave open about 15," so coat can be turned right-side out with all edges except this opening finished.

Line pockets in same way. Turn right-side out. Close opening and catch or stitch them to position on coat.

To hold lining in position, stitch ¾" from edge on right side all way around coat. Press and it is ready to wear.



TOMORROW: RECORDING IN ARTISTIC HOME SCRAPS.

And so, forever tartan

We begin to wonder whether Tartan will ever fade from the fashion scene. It is still there for suits, dresses, and enormous collars and cuffs on dark coats. Often the checks are straight on the jacket and slanted on the skirts, by way of a change. Tartan shoes for teenagers are the latest idea.

It is no wonder that some designers give up trying to create a new trend, after hearing the arguments for and against the "little boy" look, the "feminine" look, the "straight" look, and so on. Several, we notice, have turned to long past periods for inspiration. The "Merry Widow" era could be easily seen in frilly blouses and trimmy hats recently, and our own favourites are the clothes derived from the Regency period.

Exercises For Correcting Common Leg Faults

By HELEN FOLLETT

A LITTLE too plump of calf, maybe, or too thin? You can do something about this problem if you have patience and persevere. It is a matter of getting in muscle form. Exercise will develop the skinnies; correct exercise will make fat cells dissolve, will restore youthful, graceful lines.

Walking tip-toe is one way to slim down bulky ankles even if they have sturdy boneworn beneath the adipose tissue. The busy housewife can get in plenty of that kind of action as she goes about her duties, answering the front doorbell then the back, chasing to the telephone, tearing up stairs, going down again. She should wear heelless slippers when doing this if she is to get speedy results.

ANKLE EXERCISE

Another means of working off fat is to bend the ankle, first down then up and repeat. Sit on a straight-back chair with the knees crossed. A dozen up and down motions with the upper foot, then cross the legs the other way, and the left foot work. Then rotate your ankles in complete circular movements.

To develop the calves, press deeply into the flesh, if the calves are pinched between fingers and thumbs. Use a heavy emollient; a by-product of this treatment will be satin-smooth skin and vanishing goose flesh if it is present.

UNDEVELOPED LEGS

For undeveloped legs, there is nothing better than rope-jumping. It makes the muscles strong, they fill out, create better lines.

The trouble is that the average pair of legs is almost atrophied because of lack of use. No woman walks these days if she can find means of transportation. The career girl who sits at a desk all day cannot expect to retain the fine lines of her figure. Activity is a law of life. We were expected to move with agility and so keep the musculature strong, vibrant, in a normal, healthy condition.

Failed calves are a common grief. A simple and easy way to reduce measurements is to walk tippy-toe, coming up as high on the toes as ever you can, pulling hard on the muscles that extend from the ankles to the knees. When you have five minutes to spare, stand tall with your chest comfortably high, your head up, your shoulders back, your abdomen in, your hips tucked under, your knees straight, your feet parallel. Then walk tippy-toe around the room, or up and down the hall. Do this every day and in a few weeks you will be delighted with the results.

Rupert's Climbing Adventure—19

Rupert thinks that the best idea is to take the boat out and go ashore to explore the hill and see if there is a better cave but Bingo insists on floating on to see through the creek that they can see the sandy cup and spoon. So follow on up to find the place and reach where he got stuck.

an ice axe. You never know. They may come in useful." Rupert sighs but he does as his pal has said and he arrives near the roof of the cave to find Bingo crawling rather miserably along a narrow shelf and trying

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ELEVENTH RACE MEETING

Monday 13th and Saturday 18th November, 1950

The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon on the 1st day. On the 2nd Day the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. The Tiffin Interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.) on the 1st Day.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (18 in all).

Through tickets at $36.00 each may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch offices at:—

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

or

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 10 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. on the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27010).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and [illegible]

Is Another World Watching Us? . . . . . Chapter 11

SCIENCE DISCOVERS BEES' INTELLIGENCE

So certain had most entomologists become that all insects were incapable of anything that we would call consciousness, that J. Loeb, who was, 40 years ago, one of the great entomologists, felt that it was unwise to speak even of instinct.

Race memory if that was what instinct was being taken to mean, was altogether too romantic a term.

He popularised for describing insect behaviour the word "tropism." The insect turns toward its food—the pollen for the bee, the carrion for the carrion fly—because it is drawn compulsorily, unconsciously drawn, just as iron fillings are drawn to a magnet.

That was the standard faith. And then, after the first world war Dr K. von Frisch, an Austrian entomologist of high standing, began to publish papers on bee behaviour—in which he was a specialist.

He produced irrefragable evidence, confirmed by other observers, that bees do think, and can and do constantly exchange thoughts, consciously and constantly make plans and compare information.

This revolutionary fact must now be faced: bees actually speak. They continually converse with each other. As clearly as lip-readers carry on conversation so can and does the honey-bee.

Sign language

As plainly and definitely as we draw sketches and plans to direct each other (so as to find a street or house) so do these insects.

This, the most startling find ever made about insects has only come to light since 1946.

It may seem amazing that bees, which have been kept by man for millennia, should have been able to pass as dumb for so long. But when we look into the mystery we see why their secret was till now overlooked.

The bees' sign-language is elaborate. Because it is so advanced and complex it so long escaped detection.

So, though plenty of people, generation by generation, had seen bees signalling to one another, they couldn't see that such capers were signals.

Fortunately, the one subject they discuss is a simple one: the hang of all their conversation is honey. That is the master clue.

The actual signs and signals, which the discoverer of the bee language has noticed, catalogued, and interpreted, many bee-keepers had noticed before. Anyone who keeps a hive can.

Every now and then when a foraging bee comes into the hive, instead of unloading at once its nectar or pollen, it fusses about, fidgets, quivers, and circles aimlessly.

Queer capers

Von Frisch noticed that the bees which were around didn't seem either impatient or indifferent to this display. On the contrary they seemed attentively interested and what was more, they apparently learned something and acted on it.

Von Frisch had put his hives in country where there were no other bee-keepers. That was the first necessary step.

The second, equally necessary, was to mark each separate bee with a small spot of distinctive paint.

Then as soon as he began to suspect that the bees were actually communicating, he guessed that the only subject that they would talk about would be honey, or the raw material for it. So he placed, at various distances from the hive, caches of sugar.

He found quickly that it was always a bee that had found such a dump that, on her return to her hive, straightway cut these queer capers.

Further, those bees that saw her and watched her, after a few moments rushed out of the hive. And they were discovered to go straight for the hidden treasure.

Measuring

Of course this could still be explained away as the pioneer's elation exciting the others, who, seeing that she was loaded with loot, rushed out, and by luck lit on the deposit she first had located.

But year by year experiment convinced von Frisch that he must abandon all these simpler, less startling explanations.

He placed his sugar caches miles from the hives and yet the bees went straight for them. There could be no doubt, they must have been given exact information.

He therefore noted with increasing care every movement of the capering bee on its return from finding a cache. First it milled round—it described a circle. But that was followed by a more confusing behaviour.

At last he got the hang of it. Across the circle that she had described, she was now pacing out a bisecting line. It wasn't at all easy to recognise this. For when the bee so performed, she appeared to be so excited that the performance semed more a tipsy dance than a steady piece of measuring.

Her whole body waggled and squirmed. No wonder any former observers of this trick had dismissed the whole thing as aimless excitement.

Great discovery

Von Frisch's great discovery lay in recognising that in all this pirouetting there was the most precise pointing.

In brief he has proved, and convinced other entomologists, that the bee, when drawing this diagonal across the circle, is giving the onlooking bees the direction in which lies the cache.

If the food-place lies in a straight line between the hive and the sun then the bee paces straight up the comb. If the sugar mine lies straight away from the sun when the sun is straight behind the hive, then she paces straight down the comb.

If the cache is to right or left of the line made by the sun and the hive, she indicates on which side and at what angle, by the slant at which she cuts across the circle she has described.

But how does she know where the sun is when it is overcast, or when from the hive she can only see a narrow glimpse of the sky? That led to a further discovery. The bee, it appears, can see polarised light. The atmosphere polarises the sunlight a little.

Some people have eyes that permit them to see this "effect." The bee sees these "streakings" across the sky and from them—as we should do from the beams of a searchlight—she estimates where the sun actually is.

Super find

But why, if she is being so intelligent, so precisely informative in giving the line and pointer to reach the food-place, must she confuse the whole thing by such waggling and squirming that till now no one suspected that she was conveying exact bearings? Certainly not to keep us in the dark.

Then surely, concluded von Frisch, if the bee is so unwaveringly efficient a worker, such a persistently rational creature, she would not be wasting time and energy and risk confusing her informees unless there were method in her mimic.

And here von Frisch came upon his super find. For, whereas her circling and diagonalling gave the direction line to her onlookers, the way she wobbled and squirmed as she went up and down that line gave the distance away at which the store would be found.

Von Frisch counted carefully with a stop-watch the number of these waggles of the abdomen, and he found that from them he could make a scale which indicated the space between the hive and the cache!

The distance

The bee is a perfect "timer," and her onlooking fellow-bees can and do count! For it is precisely the number of complete "waggle-dances" that she taps off in a definite period of time that tells the actual distance away the store lies from the hive.

The bee is so ingenious, so consciously intelligent, and aware of the way that her information must be given to her attending fellow bees, that she actually gives her estimate, not (as we used to imagine she always flew) "in a bee line," but making allowances for the actual distance flown when you have to "go out of your way"—for instance, in order to round a hill which it would be needlessly exhausting to fly over!

That this is real thinking and exchange of information cannot any longer be doubted.

Useful lesson

When we consider (i) the recalling by the bee of the distance she has travelled;

(ii) the calculations of direction she must make, by establishing the triple position of hive, sun, and cache;

(iii) the transposition of the map in her mind (the actual picture of the countryside), which is, of course, horizontal, to the vertical plane of the hive-comb—then we can no longer refuse to believe that bees talk, bees draw maps and bees can read what a map-drawer sketches.

It is a complete revolution in all our former notion of what an insect's consciousness could possibly be.

Finally there must then remain one most disturbing but also most exciting question. If bees can talk and do exchange detailed information about their business, would it not be possible to discover whether they ever talk about other things?

By GERALD HEARD

For example, do they plan defences when they are being attacked by their many enemies—the badger sometimes launches an attack on them; ants are their enemies; some birds, such as the wood-pecker, are not out for their honey—which every creature loves—but likes to eat them.

The skunk will sit under a hive, and if the alighting-board is low, go on licking up the entering bees (wrapping them in his sticky saliva so they can't sting his throat or mouth) until he will deplete a whole hive.

To all these enemies they try and make counter-attacks, and when the hive itself is assaulted they show the power of co-ordinated strategy and tactics that one would expect of intelligence.

Why shouldn't we, come, in time, and by perseverance, to exchange signals? It would be a greater discovery than breaking the atom.

It might, as we shall be seeing in a moment, prove to be the most useful lesson we could take in a foreign language.

Go-betweens

The question arises: If we could get in touch with our bees, might not our power to communicate with them—or at least their sense that we are "communicable," sensible, rational, educable creatures—possibly come some time to stand us in good stead?

Could they not act as go-betweens between us and . . . ? Well, we have to keep our minds open.

And if our bees here and now, our bees which like ourselves are not nearly so old and advanced as insects could be on, say, a world whole geological ages ahead of ours, if our bees have a form of rational communication—quite unlike our speech but still, like our speech, conveying ideas—then might not that prove of immense use to us?

If we could get into touch with them here and now (and there seems no reason why we shouldn't, as we have found out they have language and do notice in a rational way the things round them) then they might be able to act as invaluable translators and interpreters when and if "bees" of a still more advanced breed might swarm upon us.

Our bees might help to bridge the gap between us and those "other."

They could indicate to them that in spite of our unprepossessing appearance, our lack of method and order, our laziness-shot-with-violence, that we are not really or wholly creatures of blind instinct, but capable, if treated kindly, and not frightened into panic, not only of reasonable—behaviour and of seeing things from our own interest and security, but also of something approaching at times to detached curiosity.

"A truce to your fooling and insane speculation" cries the traditional Naturalist, "Go back to the bees!"

Plan and design

We can say the following things are clear about the bees. They have built up their amazing economy over millions of years—there is evidence of plan and design. I has certainly reached a marvellous perfection.

But because it is that, and "runs itself," as we say of a perfectly planned business, that does not mean that the bees' mind has stopped thinking.

We cannot, and must not assume that bees had their language from the beginning. It must have sprung up as ours did from the pressing needs of a close community life.

Maps, charts, logs, and all the gear of exploration grow as men have to find their ways into unknown countries and open routes to bring back distant products.

Now if the bees with us have been growing in mind, why should not insects on that insect world of Mars—so much more ancient than ours—have gone ahead? We should indeed assume that this must be so.

Time-spans

Maybe they have had a world all to themselves. Certainly they have had geological time-spans more than the bees here have enjoyed.

But it may be said: They have only mosses and lichens—braised moss for breakfast, lichen for lunch, perhaps dried centipede for supper, what a diet!

But these strange vegetables may have flowers as strange and wonderful as those extreme desert adaptation, the succulents, actually have. The succulents have succeeded in living in arid regions where heat and lack of water make a veritable Mars—and keen cold at night would make many plants wilt for good.

The bees have specialised triumphantly their diet even here—on our still lagging planet—so that they live entirely on the pure energy of sugar strengthened with some vitamins from the flowers.

On Mars they may have released sugar, as we are already hoping to do, by making a synthetic substance that will do, with water, air and sunlight, what chlorophyll now does, making the basic food, sugar, and of course able to make, if required, starch too.

As to the lack of abundant water—small creatures would not need our supplies: there may be plenty underground on Mars: and the bee masters of the planet may have learned what we are soon hoping to learn, and the eucalyptus tree has already learned to do—to get all the water needed by condensing moist air and making the drops run down into the ground.

Amazing eyes

Finally, we must add, something further. We have seen that bees have amazing eyes as well as wonderful power of scent and quite probably fine hearing. Their sense-equipment is better than ours, as their energy, size for size, is much greater.

Their eyes alone are a wonder. For not only can they see polarised light and the polarised markings made by such light—they can also see by ultra violet.

They can see up into wave-lengths to which our clumsier eyes are blind. It has been found that they can respond to many flowers that seem to us dull and unnoticeable. Seen by ultra-violet light these blossoms are striking.

Further, their eyes surpass ours in another respect. As dusk comes on, though we can apply an ancient form of sight—"night-sight"—when we use it, it not only is dim but even when the sky is only dusk all objects appear to us colourless, drained of all tint.

Space ships

All cats are not only grey in the dark—as the French motto says—they are grey considerably before. But that is not so with the bees. As long as they can recognise the object at all, as long as there is any light to see it, they see it coloured as truly as we in full light see it.

When we think of those eyes we begin to wonder whether those upper air-cruisers with their baleful glare would really inconvenience a bee-pilot as severely as it would us poor weak-eyed humans?

One further argument must be met. It runs; you said that bees are limited in their size, and even on Mars (where things that are smaller may count for more because the pull of gravity is so far less than with us), even there, how could such minutiae have built a fleet of space ships and brought them across—when one of them may be a thousand feet across?

Skill and force

Of course, termites build cities that are sometimes as high as a small house. But when we think of whether a space ship could be built by a super-bee we must remember two things.

First, they are immensely ahead of the bees here—or any insect. And when we study the hive, even at its level with us, it is a pretty amazing piece of skill.

The second thing we must not forget is that as soon as you have skill you can reduce force. In fact, the formula, the more skill the less force, probably stands through every problem of manipulation.

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(MORE TOMORROW)

Evil is the word

by J. P. W. MALLALIEU, M.P.

ALGER HISS was one of the most important civil servants in the United States. He sat with Roosevelt and Stalin at Yalta.

Yet, on January 24 of this year, Alger Hiss was sent to prison for five years on a conviction for perjury.

It was said that throughout his public life he had been a secret member of the Communist Party and that, through the years, he had passed a stream of State documents and other information to Soviet Russia.

His main accuser was Whittaker Chambers, who had himself been a member of the Communist underground, but who, after a change of heart, had become a senior editor of Time. It was as though, in Britain, a departmental editor of, say, Picture Post had announced that he and the Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office had been part of a Russian spy ring.

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The account of the clash between Hiss and Chambers and of the trial which resulted has now been published. It is called SEEDS OF TREASON, by Ralph de Toledano and Victor Laski.

It is an evil book.

At the time I could not decide for myself whether or not Hiss was guilty. At his first trial, when two Supreme Court judges gave evidence for him, the jury disagreed. After his conviction at the second trial, Dean Acheson, President Truman's Secretary of State, publicly reaffirmed his faith in Hiss.

Now that I have read "Seeds of Treason," which drags out every fact or insinuation which could be made to tell against Hiss, I am still unconvinced.

The book sets out to warn Americans — and Britons — against the treason of Communism in their midst.

It warned me, as I hope it will warn you, of another evil which is at least as great a menace to democracy.

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In the United States today an official organisation known as Red Channels publishes a proscribed list of people whose political affiliations are suspect.

Anyone whose views are to the left of Sir Waldron Smithers may find his name on the list. Mr Attlee, who supported the Republicans in Spain, and Mrs Churchill, who headed our Aid to Russia Campaign during the war, would be in danger if they were Americans.

And once his name is on that list, a man can lose his job, and even be driven from his country.

It is against that background and in that spirit that "Seeds of Treason" seems to have been written. That is why I call it an evil book.

No one wants to leave a traitor unmasked, whether the traitor be Communist, Fascist, or a mere acceptor of bribes.

But if the search for traitors ever leads us into blind, savage intolerance, the traitor's work of undermining democracy will be done for him.

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Lord Velveteen's efforts were rewarded yesterday by the discovery of a batch of platform mascots. Unfortunately nurses from the Mental Home arrived before they could be signed up.—*NEWS ITEM*

SEARCH FOR TORY TRADE UNIONISTS

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WHAT'S GOING ON

by EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

London.

GENERAL MARK CLARK states that he regarded the bombing of the monastery on Monte Cassino as unnecessary, but bowed to the wishes of New Zealand's General Sir Bernard Freyberg.

Perhaps some of the U.S. airmen shared General Clark's views.

I watched the bombing from an observation point between the target and Eighth Army's newly set up Advanced H.Q.

Heavy planes of the U.S.A.F. appeared above us, and all eyes focussed on the massive, historic building.

Soon the equanimity of our party was shattered—but not because of anything which happened on Monte Cassino. The crump of bombs came from behind us.

One of the squadrons, confused no doubt by the similarity of two adjoining valleys, had deposited its load on the wrong target.

And a direct hit was scored on the Eighth Army Commander's (**Lieut.-General Sir Oliver Leese**) brand new caravan.

Art in ruins

IF A FAMOUS artist comes to stay, and decides to pass the time with a little painting, dissuade him from executing his masterpieces on your walls.

This lesson I learn from the **McCorquodale** family—famous for printing (**Malcolm** and **Kenneth**), sprinting (**Alastair**), and glamour (**Raine**—the much-photographed **Mrs Gerald Legge**).

Their family house, Salus-craggie Lodge, in Sutherland, is being pulled down. It is too big to run and no one wants to buy it.

But in the smoking room are some of the best bird pictures in Britain—murals of sea birds, ptarmigan, black game and golden eagle painted by **Archibald Thorburn** when he stayed in the house 40 years ago. They must be worth several hundred pounds.

Soon they will be so much rubble. For Thorburn painted them on the plaster walls, and they are immovable.

Car of beauty

THE MOST beautiful thing I have seen recently is a motor-car. Created jointly by the royal coachbuilders and the royal car makers, it is a superb and unashamed example of non-austerity.

Perhaps it is so beautiful because, from first conception to exquisite completion, it has been built with one idea; to provide the perfect background for a beautiful woman.

This fortunate person is **Lady Docker**, whose third husband, **Sir Bernard**, is chairman of the companies concerned.

Said chief designer **Oswald Rivers**: *"I have tried to create something worthy of her beauty."*

Sair Sir Bernard: *"When you are making a car the most important person is the lady."*

Certainly Lady Docker's journeys should not be dull. She can enjoy a drink from an electrically operated cocktail cabinet; make up her face with the aid of a silver-equipped vanity case; listen to a five-station radio set concealed in the arm-rest; take a book or magazine from a hidden shelf; and see—or be seen—by fluorescent illumination.

I asked whether the car was copyright. It is not. You may, if you wish, order a replica for your own wife. The price? £5,622 19s. 5d.

John goes on

I HAVE heard from the new **Baron Kilbracken** that he was in Perth, Australia, when he heard of his father's death, at the age of 73.

Lord Kilbracken, well known to readers as **John Godley**, has spent most of this year driving across the world to attend December's centenary celebrations at Christ-church, New Zealand. The city was founded by his great-grandfather.

He tells me that, before he set out, his father requested that, in the event of his death, John should not break his journey. Accordingly he will keep going.

John also tells me that the inheritance of a title makes no difference to his plans for the future.

Because of taxation and cost of upkeep he probably will not inherit the family estate at Killegar, in the depths of Ireland. Negotiations for a sale were all but complete when his father died.

Fighting fit

WHEN, "quite shortly," **Lieut.-General Sir Leslie (Jo) Hollis**, 53-year-old Commandant-General of the Royal Marines, sets out to visit units of his corps in the Far East, he will go prepared for battle.

He is attending a special course to brush up his small-arms training.

For Sir Leslie's men particularly the Malaya Command are "among Britain's toughest fighters, and you may be sure that their commander will be with them at the front and not at the base.

"I ought to know how to defend myself," he told me, "but don't think I am worried," he told me.

I don't.

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BOOK FOUR, CHAPTER 11, OF WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS

Rough And Surly Message From Premier Stalin

-N view of the disaster to P.Q.17 [in July, 1942, as described in the last instalment], Admiralty proposed to pend the Arctic convoys least till the northern packs melted and receded l until perpetual daylight sed. I felt this would a very grave decision, l was inclined not to er but on the contrary raise the stakes, on the nciple of "In defeat de-nce."

me Minister to First Lord and irst Sea Lord. July 15, 1942. the following be examined: end the sailing of P.Q. 18 now proposed from 18th tant, See what happens our Malta operation. If goes well, bring Indomit-e, Victorious, Argus and ile north to Scapa, and lect with them at least e of the auxiliary aircraft-ers, together with all ilable "Didos" and at ast 25 destroyers.

the two 16-inch battle-hips go right through under his air umbrella and des-royer screen, keeping south-ard not hugging the ice, ut seeking the clearest eather, and thus fight it ut with the enemy. If we an move our armada in nvoy under an umbrella of least 100 fighter aircraft ought to be able to fight r way through and out ain, and if a fleet action re-its so much the better.

could not, however, per-my Admiralty friends to this kind of line, which of involved engaging a force out of proportion to ctual military importance e Arctic convoys. I had fore to send the follow-elegram to Stalin, about I consulted the Pre-t beforehand.

Bear Island

e Minister to Premier alin. July 17, 1942. It is evident that the Ger-ans were dissatisfied with e results which were being hieved by means of air-aft and U-boats alone, be-use they began to use eir surface forces against e convoys. Luckily for s, however, at the outset ey made use of their heavy rface forces to the west-ard of Bear Island and eir submarines to the east-ard. The Home Fleet was us in a position to prevent attack by enemy surface oces. In the case of .Q. 17, however, the Ger-ans at last used their rces in the manner we ady always feared! They ncentrated their U-boats to westward of Bear Island observed their surface ces for attack to the east-ard of Bear Island.

do not think it right to put Home Fleet east of ear Island, where it can ed under the attack of e powerful German surface ces based on Northern rway. Our submarines ould be there fully ployed, and the Fleet would have to fill their places by convoys on the

maged while Tirpitz and her consorts, soon to be joined by Scharnhorst, remained in action, the whole command of the Atlantic would be [temporarily] lost. Besides affecting the food supplies by which we live, our war effort would be crippled; and above all the great convoys of American troops across the ocean, rising presently to as many as 80,000 in a month, would be prevented and the building up of a really strong second front in 1943 rendered impossible. . . .

It is, therefore, with the greatest regret that we have reached the conclusion that to attempt to run the next convoy, P.Q.18, would bring no benefit to you and would only involve dead loss to the common cause. At the same time, I give you my assurance that if we can devise arrangements which give a reasonable chance of at least a fair proportion of the contents of the convoys reaching you we will start them again at once.

Crux of problem

The crux of the problem is to make the Barents Sea as dangerous for German warships as they make it for ours. This is what we should aim at doing with our joint resources. I should like to send a senior officer of the R.A.F. to North Russia to confer with your officers and make a plan. Meanwhile we are prepared to dispatch immediately to the Persian Gulf some of the ships which were to have sailed in the P.Q. convoy. . . .

You have referred to combined operations in the north. The obstacles to sending further convoys at the present time equally prevent our sending land forces and air forces for operations in Northern Norway. But our officers should forthwith consider together what combined operations may be possible in or after October, when there is a reasonable amount of darkness. It would be better if you could send your officers here, but if this is impossible ours will come to you.

Southern flank

In addition to a combined operation in the north, we are studying how to help you on your southern flank. If we can beat back Rommel we might be able to send powerful air forces in the autumn to operate on the left of your line. The difficulties of maintaining these forces over the trans-Persian route without reducing your supplies will clearly be considerable, but I hope to put detailed proposals before you in the near future. We must, however, first beat Rommel. The battle is now intense. . . .

I am sure it would be in our common interest, Premier Stalin, to have the three divisions of Poles you so kindly offered join their compatriots in Palestine, where we can arm them fully. . . .

We do not feel the Poles we should have to fill their places by convoys on the preparations now going forward on a vast scale for the Anglo-American mass invasion of the Continent.

These preparations have already led the Germans to withdraw two heavy bomber groups from South Russia to France. Believe me, there is nothing that is useful and sensible that we and the Americans will not do to help you in your grand struggle. The President and I are ceaselessly searching for means to overcome the extraordinary difficulties which geography, salt water, and the enemy's air-power interpose.

Second front

I need scarcely say I got a rough and surly answer.

Premier Stalin to Premier Churchill. July 23, 1942. I received your message of July 18. Two conclusions could be drawn from it. First, the British Government refuses to continue the sending of war materials to the Soviet Union via the northern route. Second, in spite of the agreed communique concerning the urgent tasks of creating a second front in 1942, the British Government postpones this matter until 1943.

Our naval experts consider the reasons put forward by the British naval experts to justify the cessation of convoys to the northern ports of the U.S.S.R. wholly unconvincing. They are of the opinion that with goodwill and readiness to fulfil the contracted obligations these convoys could be regularly undertaken and heavy losses could be inflicted on the enemy. Our experts find it also difficult to understand and to explain the order given by the Admiralty that the escorting vessels of the P.Q.17 should return, whereas the cargo boats should disperse and try to reach the Soviet ports one by one without any protection at all.

Wartime risks

Of course I do not think that regular convoys to the Soviet northern ports could be effected without risk or losses. But in war-time no important undertaking could be effected without risk or losses. In my case, I never expected that the British Government would stop dispatch of war materials to us just at the very moment when the Soviet Union in view of the serious situation on the Soviet-German front requires these materials more than ever. It is obvious that the transport via Persian Gulf could in no way compensate for the cessation of convoys to the northern ports. With regard to the second question, i.e. the question of creating a second front in Europe, I am afraid it is not being treated with the seriousness it deserves. Taking fully into account the present position on the Soviet-German front, I must state in the most emphatic manner that the Soviet Government cannot acquiesce in the postponement of the second front to 1943.

I hope you will not feel offended that I [have] expressed frankly and honestly my own opinion as well as the opinion of my colleagues on the questions raised in your message.

These contentions are not well-founded. So far from breaking "contracted obligations" to deliver the war supplies at Soviet ports, it had been particularly stipulated at the time of making the agreement that the Russians were to be responsible for conveying them to Russia. All that we did beyond this was a goodwill effort. As to the allegations of a breach of faith about the second front in 1942, our aide-memoire was a solid defence.

Campaign crisis

I did not however think it worth while to argue out all this with the Soviet Government, who had been willing until they were themselves attacked to see us totally destroyed and share the booty with Hitler, and who even in our common struggle could spare no word of sympathy for the heavy British and American losses incurred in trying to send them aid.

The President agreed with this view. I therefore let Stalin's bitter message pass without any specific rejoinder. After all, the Russian armies were suffering fearfully and the campaign was at its crisis.

Not until September did another convoy set off for North Russia. By now the scheme of defence had been revised, and the convoy was accompanied by a close escort of 16 destroyers, as well as the first of the new escort carriers, the Avenger, with 12 fighter aircraft. As before, strong support was provided by the Fleet. This time however the German surface ships made no attempt to intervene, but left the task of attack to the aircraft and U-boats. The result was a particularly fierce battle in the air, in which 24 enemy aircraft were destroyed out of about 100 which came in to the attack. The merchant ships were lost in these actions and two more by U-boats, but 27 ships successfully fought their way through.

Flash of triumph

The year 1942 was not to close without its flash of triumph upon the thankless task the Royal Navy had discharged, and we must trench upon the future. After the passage of P.Q.18 in September, 1942, convoys to North Russia were again suspended. Later major operations in North Africa were to claim the whole strength of our naval forces in home waters. But supplies accumulated for delivery to Russia and the means of protecting future convoys were closely studied. It was not until late in December that the next convoy set out on its hazardous voyage. It sailed in two parts, each escorted by six or seven destroyers and covered by the Home Fleet. The first group arrived safely. The second had a more eventful passage.

On the morning of Dec. [illegible] escort, was about 150 miles north-east of the North Cape when he sighted three enemy destroyers. He immediately turned to engage them. As the action began the German cruiser Hipper appeared upon the scene. The British destroyers held off this German ship for nearly an hour. The gun-flashes of the action drew to the scene Admi. Burnett with two British cruisers, Sheffield and Jamaica, from 25 miles away.

This force, racing southwards, ran into the German pocket-battleship Lutzow, which, after a short engagement, disappeared to the westward in the twilight. The German admiral, thinking that the British cruisers were the vanguard of a battle squadron, retired hastily. During this brief engagement the Sheffield sank a German destroyer at close range. A running fight followed. The two German heavy ships and their six destroyers struck at the convoy which Sherbrooke guarded. But this stroke failed.

V.C. award

The convoy arrived safely in Russian waters with the loss of one destroyer and no more than slight damage to one merchant ship. Capt. Sherbrooke, who had been severely wounded in the early stages but continued to fight his ship and personally to direct operations, despite the loss of an eye, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his leadership.

Within the German High Command the repercussions of this affair were far-reaching. Owing to delays in the transmission of signals the High Command first learnt of the episode from an English news broadcast. Hitler was enraged. While waiting impatiently for the outcome of the fight his anger was fostered by Goering, who complained bitterly of wasting squadrons of the German Air Force on guarding the capital ships of the Navy, which he suggested should be scrapped. Admi. Raeder was ordered to report immediately.

Nazi conflict

On Jan. 6, 1943, a naval conference was held. Raeder was ordered to report in writing why he objected to putting the capital ships out of commission. When Hitler received this memorandum he treated it with derision, and ordered Doenitz, the designated successor to Raeder, to make a plan to meet his demands. A bitter conflict between Goering and Raeder raged round Hitler over the future of the German Navy compared with that of the Luftwaffe.

Goering won, and on Jan. 30 Raeder resigned. He was replaced by Doenitz, the ambitious Admiral of the U-boats. All effective new construction was henceforth to be monopolised by them. This, this brilliant action sought by the Royal Navy to protect an allied convoy to Russia at the end of the year led directly to a major crisis in the enemy's naval policy, and ended the dream of another German High Seas Fleet.

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Sports Roundup

The Ladies' Hockey League Resumes Next Saturday

November 18 will be a red letter day for more than 100 local sportswomen. After a lapse of nearly 10 years, the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey League will be resumed. Indefatigable efforts by a hard-working committee with Mrs A. L. Reade as Chairman and Miss P. McNeill as Secretary have made it possible for two Leagues, one Senior and one Junior, to be run this season.

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In the Senior Division no less than eight teams will be participating. These are the Dutch Ladies' Club, King George V School (two teams), University, Club de Recreio, Hongkong Ladies, two teams from the Kowloon Ladies (who are calling themselves the "Gremlins").

In the Junior division, fixtures for which will be drawn at a meeting to be held this Tuesday, there will most likely be the King George V School, the Little Flower Club, Diocesan Girls' School, Recreio, Royden House, and Belilios School.

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If Belilios School is able to field a team, this in itself would be a significant event, in that it will be the first time in the Colony's hockey history that an all-Chinese girls' team has been fielded.

Two prominent pre-war ladies' hockey clubs which are not re-appearing are Central British Association and St. Andrew's Club. St. Andrew's used to boast of such well-known players before the war as the Wong sisters, Jessie and Florrie, who are now in Australia and Mrs Bureux (formerly Miss White). Even though they are away, the Wong sisters have contributed their share to this year's league, returning intact the only pre-war hockey trophy so far salvaged, the Southorn Cup.

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One very great regret expressed by our local sportswomen is that they have no playing field of their own. "Certainly the Hongkong ladies should do something about this," say some of them. "Some of us will even be playing lawn bowls and perhaps cricket but how can we do this if at every turn we have to depend on the generosity of men's clubs!"

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The two greatest world wielders of the badminton racket, Wong Peng-soon and Ooi Teik-hock will clash again for the 11th time at the end of this month, when Singapore meets Penang in the final of the Malayan Inter-state tournament for the Soong Seong Cup. Each has five wins to his credit so far.

In the Malayan Championship last August, Peng-soon made short work of Teik-hock, beating him in two straight sets. Added attraction to the final will be the meeting of two other Davis Cuppers, Penang's unpredictable Law Teik-hock and Singapore's up-and-rising Ong Poh-lim.

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The standard of badminton in Australia may be evaluated next September. A Malayan team has been inaited to play in a series of matches at Adelaide in conjuction with the Jubilee Celebrations there.

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Now that schoolboys, ladies and everybody else have had some sort of tennis competition, how about giving a chance to our veterans to show what they can do when the Colony grasscourt championships begin.

There must at least be about twenty of them who can show our youngsters a thing or two, though well in their fifties. An age limit of past forty-five should see an adequate number of entries.

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The universal appeal of boxing to the public finds no exception in Hongkong as was evidenced by the huge attendance at the Services tournament last month and the Novices' tournament.

Another series of exhibition bouts has been arranged for the Earl Haig Fund.

The question which is asked by most boxing enthusiasts at present, is "What has happened to the Hongkong Boxing Association which was formed sometime ago. Certainly, it is high time that they take an active part in promoting the sport."

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A snooker opponent is wanted for "Spotty" Pereira. According to the organisers of the Younger's Shield Snooker League competition an attempt is being made to stage a snooker exhibition some time this month.

Players whom they have in mind are Pang Siu-piew, perhaps the best Billiards player in the Colony today, Tommy Pile of the Prison Officers' Club and "Spotty" Pereira of Club Lusitano.

However, they are still cracking their heads as to whom they should invite for a fourth participant.

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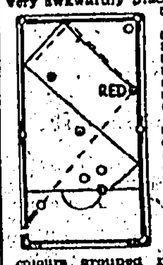

Barring a wild hit, you are not likely to strike too hard. Aim high on white and shoot to meet red dead centre.

Red doubles round along the continuous line and should halt about where shown. White runs through and follows red route for almost half the distance. That leaves red behind the near baulk with colours grouped near baulk while sheltered by black. Diagram is a more gentle shot, with the same snooker possibilities from this position. I'd like to hear about it.

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SPORTING SAM — By Reg. Wootton

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Jaguars Nose Out S. China To Take Over Sectional Lead In Pennant Race

By 'GRANDSTAND'

Leadership in the Gold section of the Softball senior league changed hands yesterday as Gerald van Langenberg blasted out a homer with two on board in the first inning to pave the way for a Jaguar success over South China, the latter losing their first game of the season in a 7-1 noseout with the tieing run stranded on third base.

In the two exhibition games, the USS Everett accounted for the Madcaps 10-5 before a Sunday morning crowd, while the visiting Canadian destroyer Cayuga overwhelmed a nervous Overseas outfit 16-4.

South China had the breaks against them when they bowed to the Jolting Jaguars in spite of the fact that they actually outhit the renowned slugging outfit, but the Jaguar blows were telling whereas the Chinese hits were produced at inopportune times.

STOOD STILL

Jack Brown toed the rubber for the Jags and whiffed Chinese opening batter K. T. Leung who stood still on a letter-high pitch. P. F. Choy drew a walk but died on base as Letty Tsang and Wong Po-chiu failed to come through with a hit.

In the Jaguar half of the initial round, Gerald van Langenberg had the fans shouting themselves hoarse as he poled out a clothes-line blow to deep centre for a round-tripper and pushing Tong Silva and Lionel Sequiera over the plate ahead of him for the Jaguars to take a three run lead.

Neither side was able to score in the next inning but in the third frame South China reduced the lead with P. H. Lee's single followed by K. T. Leung's well placed bunt.

In the fourth chapter South China did well again as they scored twice on a walk, a single aided with an error, and the score was tied three-all as they took the field once more. left field which landed about a foot inside the base line and both runners scored leaving Wong at third base with the tieing run.

It was in this fateful bottom of the fourth that South China really lost the game as a bone-head peg by Y.K. Chan at third base resulted in Two Jaguars crossing the pan, and to make matters worse, Mano Pereira popped out on the next pitch for the side to be retired, but leading 6-3.

Still holding to the chance of pulling the game out of the fire, South China threatened in the fifth as C. M. Tsang singled but again P. C. Wong could do no more than pop up. The sixth opened with no change in the score, but two infield bobbles by the Jaguars allowed one more run to score for the margin to be reduced to 6-4.

FREE TICKET

In the Jaguar half of the sixth Umbe Mose worked hurler Wong for a free ticket to first base and after stealing second was advanced to third on Jack Brown's grounder. An outside pitch which eluded catcher P.C. Wong found Mose sliding home in a cloud of dust for another Jaguar tally, which eventually proved to be the winning run.

South China fighting back determinedly in their lost turn with the bat had two runners on base after one down, and it was Wong Po-chiu's turn to bat again. The slugger finally came through with a blow to South China strategy went haywire as K.F. Chan next at bat attempted for a safety instead of squeezing for the tieing run to get back into the ballgame. All that Chan could do was connect for a weak pop fly which was smothered by first sacker Umbe Mose.

C.K. Choy was next with the pressure really on, as a single would even the count, but again Choy could do no more than to fly out to keystoner Tony Silva for the final out.

Jaguar hurler Jock Brown toiled on the mound for four innings before he was relieved by fire-baller Vic Pedruco, each pitcher allowing three hits, while P.C. Wong who toed the rubber for South China was nicked for four blows, which included Van Langenberg's four-master with two on base.

USS EVERETT 10—MADCAPS 5

Lefty Mayfield's boys from the Everett took a commanding lead over the Madcaps right from the first chapter to subdue the opposition 10—5, during which time slingers Spear and Streeter only allowed the Madcappers three scattered hits.

Kelly Silva Netto started for Madcaps and was nicked by two successive doubles behind a walk and a fielder's choice to allow four runs, while a further barrage of three bunched up hits in the fourth produced another cluster of five runs for the gobs.

Madcaps scored two runs in the first, on a single and a walk helped by two wild pitches, and tallied again in the fourth when Willie Sprinkle was hit by a pitched ball and stole the next, three bases. Ronnie Sequiera's round tripper in the fifth added another run for the Madcaps.

CAYUGA 16—OVERSEAS 4

The Canadian destroyer Cayuga had things their own way when they hit hurler Tong Kwok for seven solid blows in the opening chapter to register a 6-run avalanche and from then on they simply toyed with the handcuffed Overseas boys were unable to get on base until the fourth inning when pitcher Dannie Mann fumbled a grounder and allowed Y.S. Yeung to make first base. Sit Kwok-kit then surprised everyone, and that included himself, when he belted Mann's next pitch for a rousing homer to see the first two Overseas runs go up on the new score-board, for the only redeeming feature of their humiliation.

The Cayuga outfit from the Land of the Maple gave an awesome display of pitching power as Mann struck out the first three batters to face him, and accounted for nine victims via the strikeout route in his five inning tenure.

Speedballer Chester Padgett was then called in to take over the pitching chore, and if Mann's pitching appeared fast, it soon looked slow as Padgett burned them across with blinding speed.

Padgett gave an exhibition which will always be recalled in the days when players gather around the hot-stove for a gab fest. After loading the sacks on walks, Padgett whiffed the next three batters to step up to the plate, none of them even connecting for a foul ball, for after all one can't hit what is invisible. In the last inning, Padgett struck out two more and the final out was made as Tony Kwok popped out. As far as the Cayuga boys were concerned all they needed was a pitcher and a catcher.

The game between the Braves and the Athabaskan slated for this afternoon at 3 p.m. will be replaced by a tussle between the home-town Braves and the Sioux, as the Athabaskan has been ordered out on manoeuvres. Although this team has not yet been seen in action, it is understood that their brand of ball is on par with the best visiting team so far.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE			
Jaguars	7	South China	6
Pandas	7	Dodgers (forfeited)	0
MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Vikings	7	Pandas	2
St Teresa's	10	Falcons	7
Dodgers	7	Spartans (forfeited)	0
LADIES LEAGUE			
Wahoos	14	White Fangs (five innings)	2

The Boxing Crowds Get Unruly

London, Nov. 12.

The leaders of British boxing are perturbed at the recent behaviour of boxing crowds in Britain. Twice this week booes echoed round the ring when two important contests ended—the first at Leicester, when Tommy Farr beat the Belgian, Piet Wilde, in his second come-back fight, and the second at the Empress Hall, London, when Aaron Wilson, the American heavyweight, was awarded the fight over the Jamaican, Lloyd Barnet, because the referee adjudged the latter "outclassed."

In both cases the crowds' uproar deadened all attempts to make possible an official explanation over the microphone.

In the London case the crowd might have learned something else in addition to the basic rules of sportsmanship. Many of those who gave voice would have learned an important boxing rule which is little known and rarely introduced these days.

IMPORTANT RULE

This rule, probably last invoked in the old National Sporting Club tournaments, is that "a referee shall have the power to stop the contest if, in his opinion, a contestant is outclassed or accidentally disabled."

The master of ceremonies made unavailing attempts at the microphone to tell the booing crowd that the referee, Jack Hart, of London, had stopped the fight in the seventh round and made Wilson the winner under this specific rule.

Many regular and non-booing patrons at the Hall frankly admitted ignorance of this rule just as it came as a surprise to them to learn afterwards that another rule in a similar category states that "if, at the conclusion of any round, one of the contestants should attain such a lead on points as to render it an impossibility for his opponent to win, he must then be declared the winner."

In any case true sportsmen know that the referee decides on the interpretation of any rule and that his decision must be final.

Schoolboys' Final

ANOTHER LO COMES INTO PROMINENCE

By "Argonaut"

Another Lo came into prominence in the local tennis world yesterday when lanky 16-year old Lo Tak-shing, son of former Colony Doubles champion Sir Man-kam Lo, partnered by Chung Yue-to won the Schoolboys' Doubles title at the Chinese Recreation Club. Both hail from King's College.

Runners-up were the Diocesan Boys' School combination of Maurice Ma and Arthit Wasantachat. Though beaten by 6-3 and 6-4, a very good fight was put up by the losers, particularly by 16-year old Maurice Ma, who impressed with devastating overhead smashes.

Lo and Chung, were, however the more experienced pair, appearing to have had the benefit of some coaching. Well-placed cross volleys and drives with both hands and a greater control in their lobbing pulled them through after being down 0-2 in the first set and when extended to 4-4 in the second set.

Lo gave a brilliant display at the net, utilising his height to great advantage in overhead smashes and intercepting cross-drives with powerful drive-volleys.

Aiding him was a steady Chung, who will make a strong bid for the Singles title as well when the Singles final is played this weekend.

OAKLAND NUGGETS DEMONSTRATE BASKETBALL

By "OBSERVER"

One of the finest exhibitions of basket ever put on here was seen last night at Caro Hill when the world famous American Oakl Blue and Gold Nuggets opened their Hongk tour with two matches against local Hongk Combined and South China Athletic Associa quintets.

Sparked by 6 feet 6½ inch Don Barksdale, Amer Olympic star and five times an All-America choice, visitors accounted for Hongkong Combined by 69-56 South China by 68-55.

From the scores one would have imagined the g to have have closely contested, but to those present the exhibition the issue was a foregone conclusion.

Scoring almost at will, they could have easily run up a score of three figures, had they not indulged in their spells of clowning and ended up by scoring a goal against their own side.

There were moments of excitement for the crowd during the second match when South China led all the way in the first quarter, but to the World Champions this must have been just in the scheme of the evening's entertainment.

"MAGICIAN"

For antics, Harry McLaughlin, introduced by Coach Fisher before the match as the magician of the team, fully lived up to his reputation. Twirling the ball on his forefinger, or picking it up with his five fingers and swirling it round and round, he kept the crowd in continuous peals of laughter.

Lanky 6 feet 4 inch Dave Minor, another All-American choice, who together with Dick Fasholz, and Barksdale represented last year the Oakland Bittners who dethroned the Olympic Champions, the Phillips Oilers, also took time off between scoring goals to contribute his share to the evening's laughs.

Slightly more on the serious side were the two other All-American stars, Dave Mariani and Mike O'Neil. Carol Leslie, regarded as the fastest and trickiest man in the cage game today and the most prolific scorer on the West coast, though only appearing for short periods during the night, gave ample proof of his scoring prowess with the few goals that came from him.

A GALLANT SHOW

For the local teams it may be said that they put up a gallant show. Against a team that averaged about 6 feet 2 inches, their small stature proved to be their greatest handicap.

They were practically helpless on the rebounds. For speed and ball handling, however, they evoked the admiration of the visitors.

Said Coach Fisher after the match "If they were as tall as we are, I am sure we would have a very hard time against them."

In shooting, they have much to learn from the visitors, whose effortless, accurate long shooting was one of the features of last night's games.

On tactics, Coach Fisher has this comment to make "It is time that the local teams should dispense with the zone defence." According to him, the man-to-man defence should at any time be preferred.

There was, however, one disappointment in the night's performance. It might have been due to the lack of opposition put up by our local teams, but it is hoped that some of those dazzling passing movements and runs-up to under the basket which we have been accustomed to see on the screen may be shown in tonight's exhibition games.

Only a mere glimpse of this was had last night, and for the benefit of our local players an exhibition of different passing movements and scoring tactics should prove very useful.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

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QUARTER SCORES

The first quarter ended with the score 22-11. In the second quarter T. K. Yue netted a beautiful basket to come within two points of levelling the score with the Nuggets. At half time the score was 33-25, the Hongkong team having caught up to within two points.

In the third quarter the lead changed hands many times, and again T. K. Yue managed to put his side ahead and Hongkong was in front for about two minutes of the entire game, the score then being 49-45.

Then, with a beautiful long shot, Dave Minor gave the Americans the lead, which his team managed to keep till the end of the game.

THE SCORERS

Complete scores are:

Americans	
O'Neil	16 poi
Minor	12 "
Barksdale	11 "
Jamsen	8 "
Tauzholz	7 "
Leslie	6 "
Mariani	3 "
McLaughlin	2 "
Kowalchek	2 "
Combined Hongkong	
T. K. Yue	19 po
Y. O. Ng	11 "
N. H. Kei	6 "
S. K. Chang	6 "
L. T. Ho	4 "
H. Y. Ho	4 "
T. C. Lok	4 "
W. C. Lam	2 "
Quarter Scores	
1st.	22-
2nd.	35-
3rd.	49-
Final Period	69-

SECOND GAME

In the second game of evening The Americans de ed The South China At Association by 68-55.

Quarter Scores	
1st.	11-
2nd.	31-
3rd.	47-
Final Period	68-

Charles T Lose Moustache

BY VERNON MORGAN

London, Nov. 1

Considerable interest been aroused in Britai reports from the U States that the Heavyweight Boxing C pion, Ezzard Charles, be ordered to remov moustache before his contest against Nick K at Cincinnati.

The point at is whether the moustach be considered to give Champion an advan over his opponent. T appears to be nothin the rules against ben tached boxers and enough fighters take ring with one or more of growth on their

Many old-time fighter very handsome mous Numbered among these w famous John L. Sullivan. modern pugilists Jack D often used to fight with a week's growth on his

It could be said that of benefit, not only bo the protection of the th afforded but an unshav adds ferocity to a man tenance.

HARD TO SEE

It is hard to see, h just what advantage could gain by a mo either from the protec ferocity point of vie hitherto officials do not to have minded, how hirsute growth appeared boxer's face, it would b now to object to a mere tache.

British boxers are no duly perturbed at the n

Jack Gardner, the British Guardsman, who lenges Bruce Woodcock British and Empire weight title next week, moustache, but it is o "pencil line" variety and not be said to be any an asset to him in the ri

The British Boxing Bo Control said that they h regulations to ban mous or even beards, but the a rule which says that may have superficial m above the belt.

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Scorpions Beat IRC As Army Falters Against KCC

BY 'RECORDER'

Though the two big matches of the afternoon in the Cricket League on Saturday were at Sookunpoo, it was the Happy Valley match between Craigengower and Royal Navy that produced some of the brightest cricket, including a 95 (not out) from George Souza as 399 runs went up on the board for 13 wickets.

Army faltered against a KCC team finally come into its own and had the worst of a drawn game while Scorpions, having dismissed the Indian Recreation Club for 75 runs, were three wickets down for 61 runs and then seven down for 64 before Campbell, Hill and Mr Extras combined in an eighth wicket partnership to win the match.

The most welcome feature of Saturday's cricket was the show put up by KCC, Craigengower and Royal Navy, three of the also-rans so far who are showing signs of being a match for any team as the season moves on.

KCC put on 166 for seven wickets against Army at Sookunpoo without any considerable aid from Dodge, Archie Zimmern and Lerlou, the main batting dependables to date, S. V. Gittins, R. A. Bell and A. T. Lee reaching their highest scores of the season against a formidable attack with 34, 21 not out and 31 not out respectively.

Corfield cost 54 runs for his one wicket, Harding being the most successful Army bowler with four wickets for 27 runs.

Army lost their first three wickets for 29 runs, Davidson being the first League bowler to dismiss Major Wilson for under double figures. Army's batting strength, however, proved sufficient to bring the score up to 137 for six wickets and the seventh wickets partnership of Lane and Beevers looked good for more after putting on 30 runs.

The IRC, despite a long acquaintance with their home wicket, which maintained its reputation of being the worst in the Colony, were all out for 75 runs, Kitchell going for a duck and Rumjahn for 17. Tony Weller took six wickets for 36 runs and Roger Cull three for 12.

Otto Kerr (32) and Weller (21) gave the Scorpions a good start towards the necessary 76 for victory and the runs came hard enough though Minu cost 36 for his five wickets.

HAPPY HITTING

There was some happy hitting at Happy Valley, George Souza sending two balls into the football ground over the HKFC stands and reaching 95 (undefeated) after giving one difficult chance at square leg in the forties. He stepped out to Agarkar, the Navy bowler reputed to be sending down the biggest leg and off breaks in recent local cricket history. There were 13 boundaries in George's innings.

Another happy hitter was Surg. Cmdr. Goldsworthy, who went to town on Maurice Freeman, hitting him into the road after one beautiful over in which Freeman took the wickets of Elder, Taylor and Naylor, all clean bowled.

Four record wicket partnerships for the season were set in the course of the match, two by each side, an unbroken 87 for the seventh wicket by Souza and M. J. Divecha being the best of these.

An undefeated 54 from Surg. Lt. Mallows, 39 from Goldsworthy, 54 from Lt. Cmdr. Lee and an undefeated 43 from Lt. Morgan contributed to Navy's 198 for seven wickets, 47 from Fall Kermani and an undefeated 22 from M. J. Divecha to Craigengower's 201 for six wickets.

At Cloister Road, the Optimists' all-star batting lost seven wickets in overtaking University's 114 on first lense of the wicket, Noel Arthy (39) and W. L. Alexander (39 not out) being the principal runmakers.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Scorpions	6	4	2	-	10
Army	7	3	4	-	10
Optimists	6	3	2	1	14
RAF	4	3	-	1	12
IRC	6	2	3	1	11
Royal Navy	6	2	-	4	8
Recreio	5	1	3	1	7
CCC	6	1	2	3	6
KCC	6	-	3	3	3
University	6	1	-	5	1

SECOND DIVISION

University's 12 runs against Dockyard was a surprise result in the Second Division, the Dockyarders registering their second win after a poor start to the season with E. Noise returning the remarkable analysis of seven wickets for two runs in 5.4 overs, four of which were maidens.

Dockyard had made the respectable score of 129 runs for nine wickets when the wicket-taking orgy started.

Noise, in fact, came down like thunder on the University batsmen.

Army, who have so far drawn once in seven starts, winning all their other matches by convincing margins, dismissed KCC for 78 runs and won by nine wickets, even without Bartlett, who was put on to bowl instead.

Police beat Navy by three wickets and King George V School, playing at home, beat IRC by six wickets, M. Nicolson taking six IRC Wickets for 16 runs.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army	7	6	1	-	25
Recreio	5	4	-	1	16
KGVS	7	4	-	3	16
CCC	5	3	1	1	13
Police	6	3	1	2	13
RAF	4	2	1	1	9
IRC	6	2	-	4	8
Royal Navy	6	2	-	4	8
Dockyard	7	2	-	5	8
KCC	6	1	2	3	6
University	7	1	-	6	4

Season's Best Cricket League Performances

FIRST DIVISION

BATTING

P. V. Dodge (KCC v Scorpions)	112
G. A. Souza (Craigengower v Navy)	95*
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions v KCC)	92*
G. H. Pritchard (Optimists v CCC)	66*
K. H. S. Wilson (Army v CCC)	62
G. N. Gosano (Recreio v Army)	61*
F. A. Weller (Scorpions v Optimists)	60
K. H. S. Wilson (Army v Recreio)	59
W. L. Alexander (Optimists v. University)	57*
Surg. Cmdr. Goldsworthy (Navy v Optimists)	57
E. L. Gosano (Recreio v Optimists)	56*
Surg. Lt. Mallows (Navy v Craigengower)	54*
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists v Navy)	52
F. A. Weller (Scorpions v Optimists)	51
Capt. Robertson-McLeod (Army v RAF)	50
G. N. Gosano (Recreio v IRC)	50

* Not out.

BOWLING

F. Howarth (Scorpions v Recreio)	6-11
T. H. Lean (University v KCC)	7-64
E. R. Madger (RAF v Navy)	6-20
A. R. Abbas (IRC v University)	6-30
T. P. Mahon (Optimists v University)	6-30
F. A. Weller (Scorpions v IRC)	6-36
A. P. Pereira (Recreio v IRC)	5-17
L. White (Optimists v KCC)	5-26
A. R. Minu (IRC v Navy)	5-27
E. R. Madger (RAF v University)	5-28
P. J. Billimoria (CCC v RAF)	5-35
A. R. Minu (IRC v Scorpions)	5-36
A. R. Minu (IRC v CCC)	5-49
A. R. Minu (IRC v Recreio)	5-53

Sheffield Shield

Victoria Ahead On First Innings

Adelaide, Nov. 11.

Phil Ridings, South Australia's captain, checked his side's collapse on the second day of the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria here.

He defied the accurate Victorian spin attack for two hours in scoring 90, but South Australia were all out for 188 in answer to Victoria's first innings total of 264.

Victoria's second innings started badly. By the close they had lost three wickets for 34 and were then 110 runs ahead with seven wickets to fall.

Medium-fast bowler Geoff Noblet claimed all three wickets at a cost of 20. The Test off-spin bowler, Ian Johnson, was most successful in Victoria's attack, claiming five wickets for 40. Jack Iverson, the leg-break bowler with the freak grip, sent down 21 overs before he met with success. He finished with two wickets for 55.—Reuter.

F. S. Kinghorn Wins Jasper Clark Cup

K. S. Kinghorn won the Jasper Clark Cup Competition at Fanling yesterday with a score of 160. He beat R.K. Colling, the Colony Champion and last year's Jasper Clark Cup winner by one stroke.

Kinghorn had 79 on the Old Course in the morning and an 81 on the New Course in the afternoon.

Colling had on 83 during his morning's round on the New Course and 78 in the afternoon on the Old Course.

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE CRICKET AVERAGES

BATTING:

	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	S.H.	Aver.
G. A. Souza (Craigengower)	6	1	250	95*	50.00
G. H. P. Pritchard (Optimists)	5	1	146	66*	36.50
P. V. Dodge (KCC)	6	-	217	112	36.16
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	5	1	141	61*	35.25
Capt. Robertson-McLeod (Army)	6	2	138	50	34.50
Major K. H. S. Wilson (Army)	6	-	201	62	33.50
F. A. Weller (Scorpions)	6	-	198	60	33.00
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	6	1	155	49	31.00
Capt. Haycroft (Army)	5	-	114	38	22.80
Lt. Williams (Army)	7	-	140	48	20.00

*Not out. Qualification: 100 runs from five innings or more for an average of 20.00.

BOWLING:

	overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
A. R. Minu (IRC)	83.3	28	216	27	8.00
G. N. Gossno Recreio)	45	10	119	14	8.50
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	55.1	14	138	16	8.62
Capt. Harding (Army)	46.2	15	113	12	9.41
E. R. Madger (RAF)	57.1	11	161	16	10.06
Cpl. Musgrave (Army)	46.2	3	203	20	10.15
Capt. Corfield (Army)	72	18	187	18	10.38
K. C. A. Ball (RAF)	40.2	12	104	10	10.40
W. M. Davidson (KCC)	46	11	157	14	11.21
A. T. Lee (KCC)	35.1	7	120	10	12.00
F. A. Weller (Scorpions)	70.3	14	194	16	12.12
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	32.5	1	143	11	13.00
T. H. Lean (University)	66	9	231	17	13.58
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	57.3	13	189	13	14.53
P. V. Dodge (KCC)	35	2	149	10	14.90
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	66	16	194	13	14.92

Qualification: 10 wickets for an average of 15.00 runs apiece or under.

BEST WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

1st:	L. D. Kilbee & G. H. P. Pritchard (Optimists v R. Navy)	83
2nd:	P. V. Dodge and A. Zimmern (KCC v Scorpions)	105
3rd:	F. R. Kermani & G. A. Souza (Craigengower v Royal Navy)	64
4th:	Surg. Lt. Mallows & Cmdr. Goldsworthy (Royal Navy v Craigengower)	70
5th:	Surg. Lt. Mallows & Lt. Cmdr. Lee (Royal Navy v Craigengower)	58
6th:	S. V. Gittins & E. C. Fincher (KCC v Army)	42
7th:	G. A. Souza & M. J. Divecha (Craigengower v Royal Navy)	87*
8th:	Cmdr. Goldsworthy & Mid. Senior (Royal Navy v Optimists)	67
9th:	E. L. Gosano & A. P. Ricci-Pereira (Recreio v Optimists)	37
10th:	E. L. Gosano & H. L. Ozorio (Recreio v Optimists)	20*

*Partnership unbroken at declaration.

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING

E. M. L. Soares (Recreio v IRC)	86*
R. S. Lin (CCC v Navy)	77*
Lt. Bartlett (Army v Recreio)	71
C. A. Guterres (Recreio v KCC)	64*
A. Yeow (University v RAF)	64
G. D. Noel-Johnson (RAF v University)	55*
A. E. Noronha (Recreio v IRC)	53*
D. Readman (CCC v Navy)	53
A. G. Rose (Police v IRC)	52*
F. R. Kermani (KCC v Recreio)	52

*Not out.

BOWLING

E. Noise (Dockyard v University)	7-2
Capt. Stafford (Army v Recreio)	6-12
H. Greenslade (Navy v IRC)	6-13
E. A. R. Alves (Recreio v KGVS)	6-14
M. Nicolson (KGVS v IRC)	6-16
Lt. Rendall (Army v Police)	6-20
D. Hutton (KGVS v University)	6-22
D. Snow (RAF v Navy)	6-23
D. Hutton (KGVS v Police)	6-29
R. S. Lin (CCC v KCC)	6-35
D. Snow (RAF v CCC)	6-38
T. Crabtree (CCC v RAF)	6-50
A. L. Ricketts (KCC v University)	5-9

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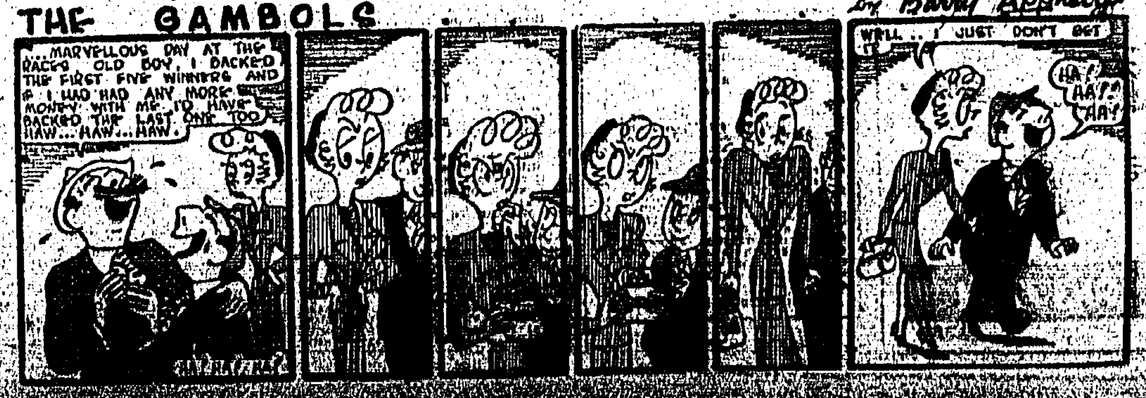

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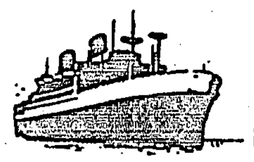

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by Beachcomber

THE words "A big red father surmounted her hat" gave me a pleasant picture of an acrobatic parent standing on his daughter's head instead of on his own. His size explains why he made her keep her hat on. He needed a big brim to take part of his weight. Whether red referred to his political convictions or to his drinking habits I do not know or care. But at a wild party it would surely sound a little old-fashioned to have to confess, when asked "Who's that on your hat?" "Oh, that's my father."

Reporter gets frying start

A CUB reporter hoped to win his spurs the other day. For his purpose he chose the hardy annual story about the hot weather. He dashed out, fried an egg on the pavement in Fleet Street, came back and wrote it up. "Sizzle, sizzle," began the story. But the News Editor rejected it angrily. "It's a scoop," said the reporter. "No other paper has the story so far." "It might be news if someone *froze* an egg in this weather," said the News Editor. So off went the youngster and froze an egg in the refrigerator of a tea-shop. "I meant on the pavement," said the patient News Editor, signing an expense sheet for two eggs.

The duel continues

BY sitting at a slight angle to the table the matron could see her opponent's hand in the mirror above the desk. He, having dealt, needed no mirror. He knew her hand by heart—or so he had thought. But while he was picking up her handkerchief for her he saw that she had substituted some good cards for the bad ones he had given her. But he got an ace from her shoe before straightening himself up. Noticing her odd sitting position, he moved his chair, and covered the mirror by hunching his right shoulder. He smiled uneasily. She lowered her lashes provocatively. The susceptible pedagogue pressed her foot with his own under the table. It was a foot that seemed to be thickly padded. Spare cards, he said to himself and was drawing a king from his sleeve when she cried, "Where did you get that? It's mine." "Nonsense," he replied. "It was there before we started." "But I took it when I shook hands with you." "You took its twin, my dear," said Smart-Allick, adding, "How adorable you look when you are angry." After that they understood each other better. There was to be no silly pretence of fair play.

DUMB-BELLS

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Take A Leaf From George's Book

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE comment on the bidding of this hand," asks a San Antonio correspondent. "Some of the players at our club think that North should not encourage a no-trump contract with his unbalanced distribution. They think that he should get to a contract of five clubs.

"Others think that North is justified in letting his partner play the hand at three no-trump. After all, North has five honour tricks and has reason to hope that the queen of spades will be of value. It should be easier to make nine tricks at no-trump than eleven tricks at clubs.

"When the hand was played in a recent duplicate game at our club, both game contracts were reached, and both unfortunately went down. The question of which contract is better is probably just academic.

"Against five clubs, East opened a diamond and declarer took the king. He then cashed the ace and king of clubs, hoping for a normal break in the suit. With a 3-2 break, he could next take the ace of diamonds and give up a trump. He would later get to dummy with the ace of spades to take three discards on dummy's good diamond.

"This lends a great deal of comfort to those players who claim that five clubs was the best contract. They say that five clubs would be made with a normal trump break.

"What is your opinion on this?"

I agree that five clubs is a reasonable enough contract. However, three no-trump is also a reasonable contract and the choice between the two at rubber bridge is largely a matter of style. At duplicate, three no-trump is a vastly superior contract because overtricks are worth so much more than they would be at clubs.

As a matter of fact, three no-trump should be made against any defence. Only a spade lead gives South any trouble.

South can make the contract, however, by taking a leaf out of Generous George's book. South allows the opponents to hold the first spade. When they lead a second spade he ducks again, discarding the king of diamonds from the dummy. When they lead a third spade, South takes the spade ace and discards the ace of diamonds from dummy!

By this line of play South unblocks the diamonds and can take five diamonds, two clubs, a heart and a spade.

If the defenders abandon the spades when they see what South is up to, declarer can unblock dummy's diamonds and forge entry to his hand by leading hearts.

Incidentally, although five diamonds can also be made I don't see how anyone can get to that contract.

(DEALER) 11

♠ Q
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ A K
♣ A K 8 7 5 2

♠ J 10 9 6 4 — ♠ K 7 5 2
♥ 10 8 5 — ♥ K 7 3
♦ 7 6 3 2 — ♦ 5 4
♣ 10 — ♣ Q J 9 6

♠ A 8 3
♥ Q J 4
♦ Q J 10 9 8
♣ 4 3

N-S vul.

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♠ J

YOUR BIRTHDAY .... By STELLA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

IF you are born today, there is a restlessness to your nature which you must conquer if you are to make the most of your talents and achieve success. You have a lot of nervous energy, but are not as strong physically as you might wish. Consequently, you must take care that you get plenty of rest and fresh air. You will probably be happiest away from large cities. You enjoy travelling, but beware of moving around too much. Remember the adage about the rolling stone.

Fortunately, you are very practical. You finish your work efficiently and quickly; then take time to enjoy yourself. Fond of literature, you probably will have considerable ability as a creative writer if you develop the talent. You are an individualist and believe in freedom of will for others as well as yourself.

Frank and sincere, you dislike bluff or pretence of any kind. You like to build castles in the air, but you also like to see them realised. Consequently, he who promises the moon and doesn't deliver anything is not for you! You women are attractive to members of the opposite sex and will probably know how to dress attractively.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Business comes before pleasure today. Don't let the one interfere with the other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Optimism pays off. It makes your fellow workers especially co-operative in following your ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Get any pressing letters written. Make an important telephone call, too. This evening, relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Not the best day to make a decision. Let things stand as they are for now. Be co-operative.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A good day to find bargains in home fittings. Buy some time-saving device—vacuum cleaner, perhaps!

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Go out of your way to help some friend in need of emergency assistance. Give your best advice now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A romantic day. All personal affairs are especially favoured. Solve a tough problem now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Snare an exciting new idea with a companion. You can develop it now to excellent advantage.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Make sure that all dealings on the domestic front are harmonious. Co-operation pays.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If some friend is unduly disturbed, be helpful in giving advice. Be considerate.

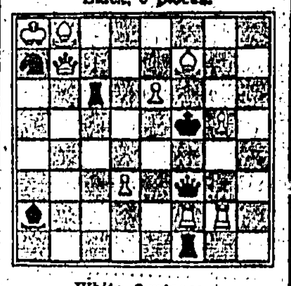
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Keep a firm hold on your temper. Don't let it flare up at something unimportant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Brighten your environment. The arts are favoured. Interior decoration can be a pleasant hobby.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. S. LEWMANN

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1, Kt—Kt3, 1 . . . Q—Q1; 2, K×R (Kt3); 1 . . . Q—Kt4; 2, K×R (K1).

INTELLIGENCE TEST

MISCREANTS

By T. O. HARE

TWO schoolgirls had been seen climbing in at their dormitory window. The six occupants of the dormitory were duly questioned by their house-mistress. Miss Pimperfect. Each was invited to write down the names of the culprits.

Edna wrote: "Jessica and Kate." Marianne: "Rosa and Veronica." Tessa: "Veronica and Jessica." Kathleen: "Edna and Jessica." Jessica: "Marianne and Tessa."

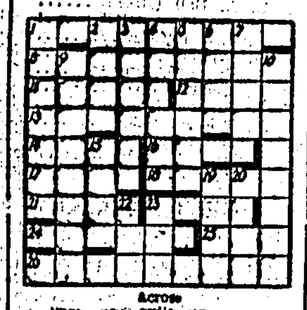
Veronica said: "Sorry, Miss Pimperfect, was asleep."

"A bad show, Pimperfect," reported Miss Pimperfect's four girls each named one culprit correctly, and one only the fifth failed to name either. As for Veronica, she was as wide awake as any one.

Can you identify the miscreants?

(Solution on Page 12)

CROSSWORD



Across

1. They are built up on worm steak. (9)
6. Such pain is excessive. (5)
11. How to educate a retinue. (5)
12. Word of appreciation to a boy in the U.S.A. (4)
13. Enough to make Venus cold. (9)
14. It springs eternal. (4)
16. Rate a salty drop. (4)
17. Birds. (4)
18. On which art may stand or judgment. (5)
21. What you may expect at the end of spring. (4)
22. The builder's nod nobbs the solution. (4)
23. Late in surety, to impose. (5)
25. Charge in the electric coffee-percolator. (2)
26. Members of sea typing race. (9)

Down

1. Useless; surely, at a fire, who doesn't be put it out? (7)
2. Found in this tyre and the adept. (6)
3. They possess sharpness longitudinal edges. (6)
4. For a short while very small. (5)
5. Evidence of distorted zeal in the A.A. (6)
6. Birds. (4)
7. Go in from garden terraces. (5)
9. This suggests the critter at work. (5)
10. Field fire that produces cattle-biting insects. (6)
15. River craft. (6)
19. Resting place in groups of arts. (4)
20. Politicians of sedentary habits. (4)
22. Four girls may do go in. (3)

Solution of Saturday's puzzle: Across 1, Ambulance; 10, Rasp; 11, Ale; 12, Ewe; 13, Ascot; 14, Ale; 15, Ewe; 16, Ale; 17, Ewe; 18, Ale; 19, Ewe; 20, Ale; 21, Ewe; 22, Ale; 23, Ewe; 24, Ale; 25, Ewe; 26, Ale; 27, Ewe; 28, Ale; 29, Ewe; 30, Ale; 31, Ewe; 32, Ale; 33, Ewe;

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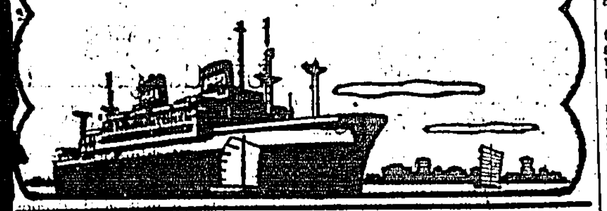

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POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF COLONIAL AID SNAGS

Marketing Board Funds

London, Oct. 10.

A possible solution to the problem of finding the huge amounts of money needed to develop backward areas is suggested by the news that Colonial Produce Marketing Boards will hold about £140,000,000 by the end of the year. This figure was given by Mr Lennox-Boyd during a debate on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill in the House of Commons.

Some £80,000,000 will be held by the Cocoa Marketing Board alone. This Board was set up to protect Gold Coast cocoa producers against fluctuating prices but all it has been able to do so far is to pile up an embarrassing amount of money.

Before the war cocoa cost £20 a ton. Now it costs £200. By paying a producer a fixed price below the world market price the Board hopes in the event of a slump to be able to compensate the producer by dipping into the fund and giving him more than the prevailing market price for his cocoa. That is the theory and in normal times it would work quite well. It has certainly helped to prevent an inflationary situation that would have arisen on the Gold Coast if farmers had reaped the full benefit of soaring world prices.

But when we learn that an additional £20,000,000 is needed by H. M. Government to finance development and welfare schemes in the colonies and that later this month there will be published a report on the development of South and South East Asia under the Colombo Plan — requiring an outlay of some £2,000 millions over six years — one wonders whether these huge sums held by marketing boards against some future rainy day might not be put to good use in the meantime.

This in fact was Mr Lennox-Boyd's suggestion and the Colonial Secretary, Mr James Griffiths, said he would encourage the boards to spend as much as was wise and prudent on development.

With commodity prices at their present high levels—and still rising — it might even be possible to expand this system of marketing boards to other products and other colonies.

PRESERVING PRINCIPLE

Part of the money realised on the sale of raw materials and foodstuffs could be held back and invested on the producer's behalf in development schemes. They — or the fund responsible for the safe keeping of their money — would draw interest on the investment and as producing industries would also benefit from development schemes, nobody could complain that his money was being misused because the principle of the marketing boards would be preserved intact.

The one obvious objection to this idea is that the territories benefitting most from the present level of world prices are those which are least in need of development. Malaya for instance, earns millions of dollars every year, exists on the tin and rubber industries, and bumper profits are being earned for shareholders all over the world. It is true that this prosperity is a comparatively recent development — arising largely out of war fears — and that the boom on tin and rubber prices might easily end in a disastrous slump. But the fact remains that despite its possession of two of the richest industries in the world South East Asia is in need of large-scale development and the money must be found to finance it.

If—and it is a very large if—produce marketing boards could be established for the tin and rubber industries, very large sums of money would soon be available for investment not only in the country of production but also in neighbouring territories. This might be more acceptable to the producer than the crippling export duty recently imposed on the Malayan rubber industry—and incidentally it would ensure for him what his heart desires, a stable price for his commodity.

This matter would obviously need a great deal of organisation and a greater degree of co-operation as between governments and industries than has been evident in recent years — but now also are millions of pounds to be found to raise the deplorably low living standards in certain parts of Asia and Africa?

BRITAIN'S DOLLAR AID

Last week I noted that the Marshall Aid administrators considered that the present level of Britain's gold and dollar reserves warranted an overhaul of our dollar aid requirements. The International Monetary Fund has now entered the fray with a report drawn up for the International Trade Conference at Torquay which states that Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Ceylon are now in a position to begin progressive liberation of Western Hemisphere imports.

This report, which is based on the assumption that the present high level of world prices will continue, suggests that a great deal of wealth has been thrust upon Britain by the high prices of sterling area commodities which have been thrown up in economic turmoil since the war in Korea began. But the same conditions which have contributed so largely to our swelling gold and dollar reserves have also brought less welcome factors into our economy.

We must defend ourselves against possible aggression and at the same time find means of financing development schemes designed to bring an end to conditions favourable to Communist ambitions in those areas where we have responsibility. Whatever means are found of raising money for the latter project, the fact remains that this country so far from benefitting by larger gold and dollar reserves is actually faced with even harder times ahead.

Besides the drains on our resources mentioned above, Britain must also face its commitments under the European Payments Union and the effect of possible withdrawal of "hot" money which has recently been flowing into this country.

It was against the background of economic conditions as they seem to be, that the British Government most strenuously objected to the IMF's finding.

This latest development should have the effect of speeding up plans to encourage dollar-earning and dollar-saving industries in the colonies.

STOCK EXCHANGE FEARS

The Stock Exchange experienced another "black" Monday this week. News that the Chinese had committed themselves in the Korean War and General MacArthur's message to the United Nations caused gilt-edged prices to be marked down, in some cases by a full point. But when the Chinese intervention seemed to peter out almost before it had begun, confidence revived and prices picked up.

Despite this gloomy background the issue of a new £250,000,000 three percent funding stock went well. The Market believes that most of the stock went to Government departments who will later dispose of some of it to the market. A small premium was established when dealings began.

Last week's rubber shares boomlet was nipped in the bud on receipt of the news that the Malayan Government was imposing a heavy export duty on the commodity. After falling sharply, prices recovered but were down on the week.

Oils were a bright spot and leaders all showed improvements.

In the industrial shares market there was general firmness after a cautious opening but dealings were selective and interest continued to be specialised at the end of the week.

JAP BONDS SLUMP

News from the Far East affected Japanese and Chinese bonds. Japanese issues being marked down by three to five points. Slight recoveries were made later but as in the case of rubber the share prices were down on the week.

This week's fresh advances in the prices of tin and rubber have naturally led to some concern regarding the eventual destination of large quantities of these raw materials which have been bought by Hongkong merchants. Figures just published show that the combined shipments of rubber to China and Hongkong were under 6,000 tons in the first six months of this year but for nine months the total was 30,000 tons.

As Hongkong is largely a trans-shipment port it is believed here that most of the rubber passing through it goes to China though the possibility that some of it finds its way to Russia has not been overlooked.

This large increase in the amount of rubber being shipped to China leads to the belief that the Chinese Communist Government has created a strategic stockpile.

The price of tin reacted from its peak level and came tumbling down toward the end of the week. This was attributed to the likelihood of release of metal from stocks held by the American General Services Administration. Consumers

Chicago To Promote New Trade Fair

Chicago.

Officials of the first U.S. International Trade Fair held here last August are planning for the 1951 Fair to be held in Chicago.

The Fair's President, I.S. Anoff, said the first Fair was a success, even though it is impossible to determine accurately the amount of business done in dollar volume by the exhibitors.

"The amount of sales resulting from an international trade fair is not a measure of either the value or the success of the trade fair," Mr Anoff said.

"The large number of business contacts made, the arrangements for distribution consummated, and the tremendous orders anticipated in the next year as a result of deals made, are the more accurate evidence that the first Trade Fair was a great success."

Despite reluctance of exhibitors to reveal sales figures, he said, the following announcements of sales volume were made:

United Kingdom, more than $5,000,000; Germany, more than $4,000,000, and Yugoslavia and Portugal, more than $1,000,000 each.

Czech Trade Diversion To East Europe

Vienna, Nov. 12.

The conclusion of a five-year trade agreement between Czechoslovakia and the USSR was disclosed by the Prague radio. It comes into force in January and provides for a 50 per cent. increase over the 1950 totals of trade between the two countries during the five years.

Even in the absence of details it is clear that the Soviet Government will receive a still larger share of the products of Czechoslovak heavy industry. It is less obvious what the USSR will send in exchange, though Czechoslovaks were recently informed that Russian watches and clocks would soon displace Swiss ones in the shops, "and would be of even better quality." No doubt the Czechoslovak Government would also like Russian grain, of which it imported 400,000 tons last season and 500,000 tons the season before.

The agreement reflects the tendency for Czechoslovakia to reduce its commitments with western countries, largely—no doubt, because the west is much less interested in Czechoslovak manufactured goods than formerly. The momentum with which the planned switch-over of Czechoslovak trade from West to East is proceeding is shown by the fact that the percentage already stands at 52-48 in favour of the East, compared with about 80-20 in favour of the West three years ago.

KMA Offer Of Coal To China

Tokyo, Nov. 12.

The Kailan Coal Mining Administration in Communist China has offered to sell Japan 2,500,000 tons of coal during next year, reports the newspaper "Asahi Shimbun" today.

In June this year the Kailan Coal Mining Administration contracted with three of Japan's largest steel mills for the sale of 1,000,000 tons of coal.

The shipping shortage resulting from the Korean conflict has hindered delivery which was expected to be completed by March next year.

Only about one-third of the contracted amount has so far been received in Japan.

Both steel interests and the Japanese Government are reported to be negotiating with General MacArthur's headquarters for permission to use Japanese vessels for transporting the coal.—Reuter.

Japanese Cloth For Britain

Tokyo, Nov. 12.

The British Government has decided to license the import of 100,000,000 yards of Japanese cotton cloth between October and March next year, reports the Kyodo news agency today.

Kyodo said that Britain would import the cotton under the Sterling Area-Japan trade agreement which was expected to be signed soon.

The present export price for Japanese cotton shirting 3,003 was 47.5 cents (United States)

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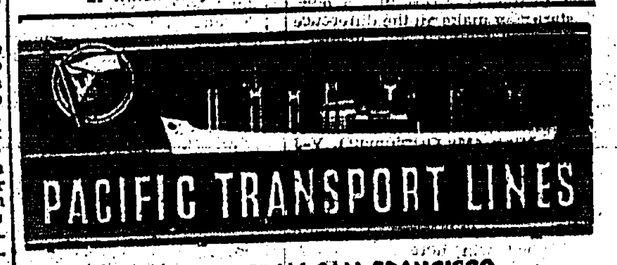

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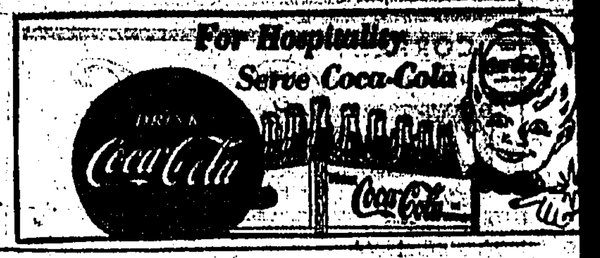

11th Race Meeting Starts Today

TODAY'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

By 'RAPIER'

The Eleventh Race Meeting, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be spread over two days, the first series of races today and the rest on Saturday.

Today's programme will consist of ten events; the First Saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run promptly at 12.00 noon. The tiffin interval will come after the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

There is every reason to expect good weather conditions and the meeting should attract another big crowd of racing fans.

Mr M. M. Boycott recently returned to the Colony after an absence of over two years and will don colours and his appearance will be welcomed by the racing public.

RACE ONE

Lyndhurst Handicap (First Section):—1¼ Miles.

The curtain raiser will be a race confined to Australian Ponies Class 6, with Novice Jockeys as pilots. Flying Jib (Mr Mok), by virtue of its second placing in the Lamma Handicap (Second Section) from near the two mile post at the last meeting, will no doubt be in big demand.

I, however, prefer Madame Butterfly (Mr Tseng). Although unplaced in the above race (first section) ridden by Mr Tao, it should redeem itself here on account of its weight being reduced by 7 lbs.

Damla (Mr Chuang) is also dangerous, as it came third in the second section of this same race. Gypsy Diamond (Mr Tsai) is well suited for this distance and will be near at the close.

Thunder Sky (Mr Lam King Tak) and Justice of Peace (Mr Dau) should also be in the running, although I cannot see either of them winning.

RACE TWO

Coronation Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This sprint event is confined to Class 4 Australian Ponies and it must be realised that a good start may make all the difference between winning and losing.

In my estimation, the result will be decided between the following: — V-J Day (Mr Channon), Fairy Feet (Mr Renfrew), Pegasus (Mr Kwok), and Minx (Mr Ostroumoff). V-J Day is a greatly improved animal and its win in the Goodwood Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the 9th Race Meeting should provide it with another win here.

On the other hand, Fairy Feet is quite at home over this distance and should be near at the finish. Pegasus has not won a race as yet since the Annual Meeting, but is still good enough to win. Minx is another possible choice, as the distance is more to its liking.

RACE THREE

Rednaxela Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 5. Speed Bird (Mr Renfrew) was the pony which was instrumental in paying a three-figure dividend at the 8th Race Meeting when it won the Kwangtung Handicap over this distance, and as it will be running against better class of ponies today, I am not prepared to say that it has chance of winning again.

The Tigress won the Lamma Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting for Class 6 ponies and is quite capable of winning again as the pony is in fine form at the moment.

Honey Dew is another good pony to bear in mind over this distance. Then there is Battlefield (Mr Williamson) while Lady Gloucester (Mr Ostroumoff) is also a possibility.

RACE FOUR

Seymour Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

In this sprint event for the first section of Class 9 Australian Ponies, I think the result will be decided between the following: — Ballerina (Mr Tao), Happy Boy (Mr Woo), Argus II (Mr Pih), and Shangrila (Mr Holgate).

Ballerina is in splendid condition and if it should secure a good start it may win, while I expect to see Happy Boy offer a challenge.

Argus II failed badly in its last outing in not gaining a place but should do better in this company over the above distance. Shangrila has invariably done well over short distance events, and a win here would not be surprising.

RACE FIVE

Coronation Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This race will be contested by Second Section Class 4 Australian ponies and over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

First of all we have Topper to consider. It will again be taken out by Mr Noodt and, remembering the way it ran and came in first in the Sheffield Handicap (First Section) at the Whitsun Race Meeting, many will no doubt rely on it when making their bets.

Personally, I think that Topper should win, but Rowanglen (Mr Ostroumoff), in view of its fine gallop on Wednesday, in the good time of 1.25.4—last quarter 27.2—is not to be ignored.

Lana (Mr S. W. Lee) and Desire (Mr Kwok) are quite fast over a short distance and will be near at the finish. I expect to see them finish in the following order: — Topper, Rowanglen and Lana.

RACE SIX

Lyndhurst Handicap (Second Section):—1¼ Miles.

In this race for the Second lot of Class 6 Australian Ponies there is not much to choose from among the entries. Judging from its third placing in the Lamma Handicap (Third Section) at the last meeting, Xerxes (Mr Holgate) has a good chance of winning, but will be seriously challenged by United Victory (Mr Noodt) which is very fit at the moment.

Treasurer which ran unplaced at the last meeting with Mr. Dau up, will be taken out by Mr Ostroumoff this afternoon and this cambination will do better, probably winning.

Fiesta (Ma Chen Poo) is not bad, and I think it should give a good account of itself against the above-mentioned ponies.

RACE SEVEN

Clarence Handicap: Six Furlongs.

Australian Ponies Class 2 will contest this event and among the entries the following should be worth watching: — Lawrence (Mr Kwok), Chesterfield (Mr Ostroumoff), Cooper (Mr Kwong), and Pay Day (Mr Renfrew).

Lawrence won the Waglan Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting from near the 1-1/2 Mile post and appears the logical choice.

Can it still, however, win whilst carrying 159 lbs and in this better class of runners? It ran very convincingly in the above race so that even at the same weight it should have a chance of winning again.

The danger will probably come from Chesterfield. This pony came third in the Des Voeux Handicap over the mile under Mr Ostroumoff and carrying 159 lbs. Then there is Cooper to be considered as it is fast over this distance and, given a good start, might cause an upset, while Pay Day is not to be neglected.

RACE EIGHT

Rednaxela Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race will be decided by Australian Ponies Class 5. Top Hat (Mr Ostroumoff) is about the best and has accordingly been allotted top weight of 156 lbs.

This pony came second in the Chester Handicap at the 9th Race Meeting over 1-1/4 Miles. It will be called upon to carry 12 lbs more today and on that account alone I am going to rule it out of my reckoning.

Shun Lee (Mr Renfrew), which passed the post third in the above race (first section) has a good chance of winning.

I was quite impressed with the running of Mastery in the Lamma Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting when it won easily. As it will again be taken out by Mr Kwok it should prove dangerous.

The other ponies to watch are Hongkong Stutze (Mr Holgate) and Autumn Leaf (Mr Liu). As an outsider Penforce (Mr Wong) is worth following as it will be carrying 135 lbs.

RACE NINE

Seymour Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The Second Section of Class 9 Australian Ponies will try conclusions here. Although Stirling Castle (Mr Hsu) only just managed to beat Mercury with Mr Shu up in the Suffolk Handicap (Second Section) at the Whitsun Meeting for the first position, which was contested over the above distance, I am inclined to believe that today with Mr Renfrew riding Mercury the result is likely to be reversed.

At any rate, the finish should be fought out between these two ponies for the first place, with Mercury having a slight advantage. The shorter distance is also more to Speed Wheel's liking, but I cannot see it doing better than taking third. As an outsider I recommend Sharpshooter (Mr Renfrew).

RACE TEN

Lyndhurst Handicap (Third Section): 1¼ Miles.

This is the last race of the first day and will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 6. Ringmer (Mr Noodt) after coming in second in the Lamma Handicap (First Section) from near the two mile post at the last meeting has been penalised by 3lbs. As the distance this afternoon is longer, it should stand a good chance of winning.

Nervous Witness (Mr Renner) was third in the above race and will prove a menace to Ringmer.

Canadian Potato will again be taken out by Mr Hsu and, although unplaced in the above race (second section), is good over this distance and has a good chance of creating an upset.

Liberation Star will be taken out by Mr Tao this afternoon and its ability now is somewhat improved

Planes For Indo-China

THE French aircraft-carrier Dixmude arrived recently in Saigon to deliver planes for the hard-pressed French and Vietnamese forces. This picture shows one of the fighter planes being unloaded from the carrier. Altogether 40 American Hellcat fighters were unloaded.—AP Picture.

Drugged Girl Held Captive On Ranch

Santa Fe, New Mexico, Nov. 12.

A bitter mother today demanded the maximum penalty for a woman doctor who kidnapped her nine-year-old daughter for $20,000 ransom, drugged the girl and held her prisoner in an abandoned ranch house for 30 hours.

FBI agents, State and city police rescued the incoherent girl and trapped Dr Nancy Campbell, 53, last night as she reached for the ransom money at the gates of the Stamm estate outside Santa Fe.

The doctor, described by friends as one of the most brilliant woman obstetricians in the country, confessed to the kidnapping. She said she needed the money to clear up debts.

"I hope she receives the maximum penalty," said Mrs Stamm, mother of the kidnapped girl. "Linda was terribly doped up and was tied up all the time. She says she slept on the ground in a puddle and she wasn't treated nicely. And to think that woman delivered my third baby. I only hope she never gets loose to do to anyone else what she has done to us."

HUSBAND ANGRY

When the officers found Linda, she was dishevelled and incoherent, wrapped in rags and shivering from the cold. Otherwise, she was unharmed. Doctors said she was in good shape and would be allowed out of bed this afternoon.

Mrs Stamm told newsmen her husband was very upset and wanted to beat up somebody—presumably Dr Campbell.

Dr Herbert Elbes, a friend who visited Dr Campbell in gaol today, said he would ask the police to place a special guard outside her cell.

He said: "I'm afraid she will attempt to take her own life. She's definitely out of contact, talking coherently one moment and incoherently the next."

Her main worry seemed to be about the practice she had built up and what would happen to it. Hospital records showed that she had delivered the babies of some of the most prominent Santa Fe families since October 1945.—United Press.

UK To Reduce Army Mission

Athens, Nov. 12.

The British Ambassador to Greece has notified Britain's willingness to reduce the staffs of her military, naval and air missions.

The Greek Prime Minister, M. Venizelos, asked last week that they be kept to a minimum. It is believed that the staffs will be reduced by about 10 percent.

Already the missions are operating on less than their normal strength.

The military mission charged with the training of the Greek Army, has less than 300 officers, while the police and air force missions have [illegible]

America To Dump Surplus

Washington, Nov. 12.

The United States Government is getting rid of millions of dollars worth of embarrassing food surpluses—all because prices have spiralled since the Korean war.

To guarantee the price to farmers, the Government has been buying food and storing it in caves and warehouses.

But now some prices—particularly butter—have gone up so much that the Government no longer has to buy surpluses just to keep them off the market.

Instead, it is unloading much of its stocks, usually at a profit, by selling to domestic buyers.

Dried milk, butter, cheese, wheat, canned milk and grain—all are disappearing from the Government's into the individual's stockpiles.

Among surplus food stocks, that of wheat is now down to 54 million bushels.

Government officials are now talking about the possibility of modifying the price-support programmes and eventually of eliminating them.

They point to many forecasts that the cost of living here will increase at least 10 per cent by next spring. In that case, price supports, to guarantee farmers a fixed return, would not be required.—Reuter.

Transport To Be Tied Up

Rome, Nov. 12.

A 48-hour strike of buses and inter-urban trams in the Rome area starts on Monday as the first move in a series of local and national walk-outs scheduled for the next three days.

The "big three" labour unions, Communist and non-Communist, which claim total membership of more than 5,000,000, joined forces and called the strikes after months of negotiations with industrialists and the Ministry of Labour for wage increases. All public transportation in Rome is to be tied up for 16 hours from midnight on Monday to 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

Industrial workers of all categories, with the exception of utilities plants, were ordered to drop tools and leave their factories throughout the country [illegible]

Increased American Aid Schemes Put Forward

Washington, Nov. 12.

Economic aid to Europe should continue for at least 18 months after the Marshall Plan ends in 1952, a report submitted to President Truman by Mr Gordon Gray, his chief adviser on post-Marshall Plan foreign economic policy, recommends.

It was made public today after it had been revised to deal with the expected economic impact of the rearmament programmes on national economies.

The highlights of its sweeping proposals for increased American help for the economic recovery and rearmament of the world include:

Firstly, economic as well as military aid to Europe to continue one and a half to two and a half years after the Marshall Plan deadline in 1952.

Secondly, the lending authority of the Export-Import Import Bank to be raised from $3,500 million to $5,000 million.

Thirdly, proposals to provide $1,000 million to $2,000 million of public and private capital to develop the world's underdeveloped areas.

Fourthly, the relaxation of restrictions on spending of loans and grants by aided countries.

CONTROL OF MATERIALS

Fifthly, the repeal of legislation discriminating imports into the United States.

Sixthly, international control of distribution of scarce materials.

Seventhly, the establishment of a body to administer foreign economic programmes.

The report is expected to determine the foreign aid programme which President Truman will submit to the new Congess, meeting on January 3.

In a statement accompanying the report, President Truman said it should be of great value to Congress and the Administration in developing measures to further these objectives.

THE STERLING AREA

He said: "Certain of Mr Gray's recommendations call for a follow-through on the present lines of action, notably in the development of an integrated programme for the defence of the North Atlantic Treaty area and in the promotion of sound commercial and financial relationships among free nations.

"In other respects Mr Gray has recommended changes in the existing policy to meet emerging problems of our foreign economic relationships. This is particularly the case with respect to under-developed areas and economic development programmes."

Mr Gray, former Secretary of the Army, stated throughout his 40,000-word report the importance of the sterling area.

The report states: "When and if Britain has met the conditions essential to convertibility other than the accumulation of adequate gold and dollar reserves, it may be in the interests of the United States to assist Britain in proceeding the rest of the way by making available financial assistance, such as a stabilisation credit sufficient to supplement Britain's own gold and dollar reserves."

Such credit should be dependent on a reduction of trade discriminations.

UK DOLLAR POSITION

The report notes the probable improvement of the gold and dollar position of the sterling area as a whole as a result of the sale of its raw materials for rearmament purposes, but says Britain's gains in dollar reserves may be, in part, offset by a rise in short-term sterling balances at least some of which the holders will want to use.

The report argues that the United States should extend dollar aid to Western European rearmament insofar as the costs of this exceeds the sacrifices which Western Europe can make.

Regarding what amount of aid will be required in continuance of the Marshall Plan after 1952, the report recommends: "To facilitate the required expansion of the Western European defences in accordance with joint plans, the United States should be prepared to continue supplying aid, apart from military equipment, for another three or four years beyond the present time.

"Aid to Western Europe should be planned on the basis of an overall assessment of requirements rather than on a specific project basis. It should be administered separately from aid in the form of military equipment shipped from the United States."

Regarding the funds available [illegible]

Mail Notices

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Surface Christmas mails for the under-mentioned places will be closed at the General Post Office as follows:—

Canada, letters and parcels, Nov. 15; U.S.A., parcels, Nov. 15; letters, Nov. 17; Australia, parcels, Nov. 14; letters, Nov. 15; New Zealand, letters and parcels, Nov. 14; South Africa, letters and parcels, Nov. 15; East Africa, letters and parcels, Nov. 15; France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Switzerland, & French North Africa, letters, Nov. 20; France, parcels only, Nov. 20.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, November 13 the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to Noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the Pillar Boxes.

The Money Order Office, Poste Restante and Wireless Licensing Office will be closed.

The public are reminded that the last collection from Pillar Boxes to connect with Sunday closing despatches is 3 p.m. on Saturday.

GENERAL HOLIDAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.
Closing Times By Air

Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, India, and Persian Gulf Ports, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, French North Africa and France, 5 p.m.

Siam, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Closing Times By Air

Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (letters, second class mail and parcels) Guam (letters and second class mail) Canada (letters only) 5 p.m.

Siam, 5 p.m.

Formosa & U.S.A., 5 p.m.

Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

B. N. Borneo, New Guinea, Australia & New Zealand, noon.

Siam, 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Central & South America, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Closing Times By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9.30 p.m.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

FAO Winds Up 1950 Session

Washington, Nov. 12.

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, at the close of its 1950 session here, re-elected Mr Norris Dodd as Director-General for another year.

Lord Bruce of Melbourne was re-elected independent Chairman of the FAO Council for another year. Both men indicated that they did not intend to serve at the end of another year and the conference instructed the Council to make a study of prospective candidates.

The FAO is moving its headquarters to Rome next year and its next conference will be held there.

Before winding up here it pledged support to the United Nations rehabilitation programme for Korea. It adopted Pakistan's resolution to "co-operate with whatever administration for Korean relief and rehabilitation is established by the General Assembly."—Reuter.

Hotel Fire Kills 7

Leduc, Alberta, Nov. 12.

Seven were dead and two missing after an explosion and fire which wrecked the Leduc Hotel, 21 miles South of Edmonton.

The victims include a girl aged 12 whose body has not been found in the charred rubble.—Associated Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

B nominates J and K. If neither is among the culprits, one of each of these pairs is culpable: TV VJ EJ MT.

T and J would thus be possible, but J is already ruled out.

So either J or K is a culprit, and it cannot be K, as no one is named by three other girls. Hence we are now sure of J. Her fellow-miscreant cannot be T (named by two other girls); or V (since T names V and J), it can only be M.

The culprits are Jessica and Marianne.

London Express Service.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers

1. "Faust" by Gounod. 2. Fair 3. Marseilles. 4. Leif Ericsson about the year 1000 A.D. 5. The Titanic, April 14, 1912. 6. The thyroid gland.

US Congress Ma... Be Recalled

Washington, Nov. 1...

President Truman may a... nounce tomorrow or Tuesd... whether he will call Congr... back into session earlier th... November 27, the date previou... ly agreed, it was stated at ... White House today.

Mr Truman is on his ... back to Washington at the ... of a six-day post-election c... in nearby waters.

Mr Truman will make ... decision after a conference ... Congressional leaders, condu... mostly by long-distance t... phone, probably tomorrow ... Reuter.

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2.30, Mantovani and ... orchestra; 2.45, "Time for Musi... B.B.C. Scottish Variety Orche... cond. by Kemlo Stephen w... Alistair McHarg (Bass-Baritone) (BBCTS); 3.15, Viennese W... Orchestra; 3.30, Sonata Recital ... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Lo... Kentner (Piano) (BBCTS); ... "Nothing but Music"—Queen's H... Light Orchestra cond. by Sidn... Torch (ORBS); 4.30, Peter Yor... and his Concert Orchestra (Wi... Vocal); 5, "The Magic Ear ... Corn"—A Dramatic Entertainme... with music composed by Kenne... Pakeman, written and produced ... Joe Burroughs. (For Children a... Grown-ups) (BBCTS); 5.30, Dia... Lynn (Piano) with Paul Weston a... his orchestra; 6, "Hongkong Calling"... Programme Summary; 6.01, "The ... for Music"—B.B.C. Midland Li... Orchestra cond. by Gilbert Vinte... (BBCTS); 8.30, "Portuguese Ha... Hour" (Studio); 9, World News a... News Analysis (London Relay... 7.10, Songs by Grace Moor... (Soprano) and Richard Crook... (Tenor); 7.20, "The Midshipm... Orchestral 7.45, A talk by the Rig... Hon. Walter Elliot on Robert Lou... Stevenson (London Relay); 8, "Fro... the Editorials" (London Relay... 8.10, Wynford Vaughan-Thomas ... "Glad to meet you" An Ostrobu... (BBCTS); 8.25, "I like what I like"... presented by Pat Kelly (Studio... 8.55, Robert Louis Stevenson—T... CENTENARY of His Birth—"... EDINBURGH. Extracts from ... of his best known books—read ... by the British Council (Stud... 9.30, "CONCERTO"—Chopin ... certo No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11 ... Alexander Brailowsky (Piano) ... the RCA Victor Symphony Orche... cond. by William Steinberg ... Radio News Reel (London Rel... 10.15, Weather Report; 10.20, "... son Francisco"; 10.30, "Variet... Parts 2, by Walter Gross and ... Radio by James H. Duncan (BBC... 11.15, Weather Report; 11.20, "... the Kinks" 11.30, [illegible]

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